Meeting of the Planning Commission
Town Hall, Greensboro, VT
Monday, August 29, 2016

Approved Minutes

Attendees: Joe Wood, Chair; David Miltenberger; Christine Armstrong, Phil Gray, Dylan Laflam and Lily McAteer

Absent: Linda Romans

Other Attendees: John Schweizer, Community member, Alison Low, NVDA Planner and Ezra Ranz-Schleifer and Naomi Ranz-Schleifer

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Motion by David Miltenberger to approve the minutes of August 8, 2016
2nd by Phil Gray

Joe Wood discussed August 15th Forum and sought the commission's feedback. He thought development and rural character needed to be discussed more, that there was no insight on development or what was important to Greensboro. He suggested having a better facilitator and wanted more advertising. He wanted to focus on working families and how to get them to attend the forums. He suggested more mailings, putting up posters, having information on town website, and school email distribution letters.

Phil Gray thought more leadership was needed and discussed the lack of focus.

David Miltenberger thought too much time was focused on cluster housing and locating North Greensboro. He was a bit frustrated with the process and inquired as to where the forums were going.

Lily McAteer noted some aspects were frustrating and thought there was a very long time spent on where North Greensboro was. She noted there was good discussion but thought there should have been more time to discuss details. She suggested reaching out to the working families personally.

Christine Armstrong thought the forum was disappointing and discussed her email she forwarded to the commission.

Dylan Laflam suggested enticing folks with other information rather than politics.
David Miltenberger was not in favor of going door to door.

Each member shared their opinions and feelings of how to get a larger audience to attend the forums.

John Schweizer thought the commission needed to make up proposals and suggested the commission figure out what their objective was.

Commission discussed objectives: Lot size, where somebody should do something, power development, windmills, solar panels, and development of facilities.

Alison Low suggested doing a build out analysis, taking the best data in GIS, constraints and zoning and see what you come out with.

Phil Gray suggested having an action plan.

David Miltenberger wanted proposals and noted the commission was a long way from proposal. The survey had great returns with some information but he needed to know what direction they were headed in.

Commission discussed cost and dollars left in the budget of the grant.

Joe Wood suggested putting off forums and community meetings until a draft Town Plan was in place.

Members are to come back with what they are responsible for, read zoning bylaws, put draft potion of their plan section in place for the areas that they are responsible for.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 12th at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey DeProspero
Zoning Administrator