MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 12, 2018

LOCATION: Greensboro Free Library

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Predpall, Chair; David Miltenberger, Vice Chair; Christine Armstrong via facetime; Carol Fairbanks; and Jerilyn Virden

ABSENT: Kent Hansen

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 pm

1. Motion by Jerilyn, 2nd by David to approve minutes of November 14th as written. Motion carries.
2. Discussion on overseeing activities. The Planning Commission oversees the actions of the Bend Revitalization Initiative (BRI) Steering Committee. One budget was issued to the Planning Commission to cover both Planning Commission and BRI actions.
3. Selectboard Public Hearing was held December 11th and the Selectboard voted to approve the Town Plan.
4. NVDA is reviewing the Town Plan.
5. 501 (c)3 pass through vehicle. The Planning Commission has identified Foundations willing to provide funds to support PC actions. Foundations only fund 501(c)3 organizations. The Planning Commission is not going to become a 501(c)3, so they are seeking an organization that is a 501(c)3 to either a) handle the funds, or b) act as a “pass-through”.
6. Bend Revitalization Initiative update – there will be a website for the group to advertise information which will be informing folks of activities in the Bend. Also, occasional mailings will also go out to Bend residents.
7. The Planning Commission members are selecting issues or actions stipulated in the Town Plan to support implementation.
   a. Dan: Draft ordinance for Junk Vehicle & Dangerous Building has been drafted and will be submitted to the Selectboard.
   b. Carol is working on a recreation booklet
   c. Ellen is going to be the liaison to the Road and Infrastructure Committee. Also, she will work with Kent on housing.
   d. Jerilyn will encourage more community involvement with the Lakeview School. For example, she will be help install a Pickleball court at the school.
   e. Kent will be looking into an affordable housing plan.
   f. David is working on lake quality education and preservation.
   g. Christine will work on water quality in regards to items such as returning lake frontage to its natural state, and investigating information of the natural buffer, perhaps adjusting a bylaw for stream buffers from 50 to 100 feet.
8. The Planning Commission Budget was approved for $6,500 which includes both the Bend Revitalization and Planning Commission actions. The new budget does not start until July 2019.

9. LVRT update – Greensboro Bend is in the middle of the Hardwick Rail Trail route (that is, the rail route passes through Hardwick, then the Bend, then East Hardwick, then back to Hardwick). Therefore, it makes sense for Greensboro and Hardwick to work together to raise funds to build the trail here. A Better Connections grant application is being considered to “pre-engineer” the route from East Hardwick to Greensboro Bend.

10. Motion by Dan, 2nd by Carol to Adjourn @ 6:07 pm. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by Audrey DeProspero