



## Minutes

### Planning Commission May 13th, 2020, via Jitsi Meet 5 PM

**Present:** David Miltenberger, Christine Armstrong, Jerilyn Virden, Ellen Celnik, Kent Hansen, Linda Romans

**Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.**

**Approve April's Meeting Minutes:** Amended by Kent Hansen. Motion to approve by David, seconded by Christine.

**Zoning Administrator Hiring Update:** Brett Stanciu has been offered the position. Carol will invite her to come to the next meeting.

**Greensboro COVID-19 Response Plan/GSERT Update:** The GSERT and health officers are getting a lot of questions about summer people coming into the community, and understanding 14-day self isolation / quarantine rules, masks, social distancing. Willey's plans to open with restrictions. Circus plan to potentially hold overnight camps late in the summer. Greensboro health officers are not enforcers of governor's orders - Hardwick Police or AG office should be contacted for enforcement.

#### **Greater Greensboro Task Forces Update:**

- **Wastewater Infrastructure Task Force:** The task force selected two firms to provide proposals. They received the proposals at the end of April. The Team is ranking the two proposals based upon the written submission and will discuss at our next meeting on May 20th. Interviews will be held via zoom in June to determine the winner.
- **Walking/Biking Paths Task Force:** no update
- **Lake Water Quality Task Force:** The task force met yesterday, and there was a debate as to whether to pursue the water quality in oligotrophic lakes presentation at HCA. Lakewise is going to get 6 assessments and Eligo will get 2 assessments of shoreline property for certification as Lakewise properties. Next year there will be some funding support for the work. They're continuing to monitor tributary streams, and will publish the 2019 report shortly. Regular water quality monitoring will continue. The only



thing not happening is the septic social and the watershed action plan will move to next year.

- **Connected Greensboro Task Force:** The first official meeting of the Northeast Kingdom Broadband (CUD) took place earlier this month. It was largely administrative. Officers were appointed and votes were taken to establish the CUD as a legal entity. Some funding is being pursued to conduct feasibility studies. There is new federal funding available in response to COVID19 that may accelerate infrastructure improvements across Vermont. In the meantime, Spark launched a new wifi hotspot in the bell tower of the church and is sponsoring the cost of fiber optic internet for public use. Free wifi is now available at select areas near the church, including the town office green, and parts of the beach. Since there is little work to do around internet right now, the task force has turned their attention to improving cellular service.

#### **Bylaw Assessment Teams Update:**

- Lakeshore District Issues: Christine and David will p
- Rental Management Ordinance Update: Christine
- Presenting to the SB tonight to get their feedback on what's already been done. There might be some contention - they've taken ag and forestry out of permitted uses, and added a 25' no mow zone. They may support these changes, but may push back on agriculture and forestry. Next steps would be to hire someone to draft the legalese.
- NEW: Revisions to Other Districts - Linda is willing to take a first pass and identify areas that need updates, revisions, consolidation. Consider asking Brett to revise.

#### **Housing Committee Update:**

Dan's work with NVDA produced the maps, Spark printed them 24X36 - and there are copies for the Planning Commission, Housing Committee and Wastewater Task Force. The task force is looking to expand village zoning to get more small lot possibilities, and other areas in rural district with potential to reduce to 5 acre zoning. Considering some voluntary approaches homeowners could take either independently or with zoning, for example, improving accessory units to convert to dwellings, splitting single family to duplex - both can happen within current zoning with some restrictions. Also considering town supported planned unit development/cluster housing. Currently working with Rural Edge, Lamoille Housing, USDA, Habitat for Humanity to find the best solutions for Greensboro. Next step is to figure out if there are suitable parcels, e.g. will they support wastewater. It's the committee's hope that in the next 2-3 months the housing committee will be able to come back with some recommendations.



**New business:** No new business.

**Next meeting:** The next Planning Commission Meeting will be June 10, 2020, and will be held online.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Jerilyn to adjourn at 5:59, and was seconded by Ellen.