

July 23, 2014- Planning Commission Meeting –Town of Sutton

Attendance: Jeff Norris, Celeste Girrell, Mark Barrett, Ron Trembley, Hank Parker, Paul Brouha
Alison Low, Gail Aloisio, and Karla Barrett, clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The minutes of the June 25, 2014 planning board meeting were read and accepted.

Paul reported that the Riendeaus were at the July 8 DRB meeting and they said they needed to get a hold of the RR company and to continue with the upgrade of the crossing. A copy of Riendeaus' new insurance policy has been sent to Paul and he is hoping to get a certification of satisfactory completion for their work from VT railways.

#4 on agenda... Hank reviewed the zoning and subdivision applications. There were many changes and lengthening of the applications. The board will review them again.

#3 on agenda... Task #1- Working lands overlays and flood resilience planning and hazard mitigation analyses presented by Gail Aloisio.

The board then discussed repurposing the Grange Hall which the town owns. Celeste Girrell was present to represent the school board and brought ideas, being possible community room, before and after school daycare, and an adult education facility. The building may be a historic preservation building—it was rebuilt around 1939. There might be a possibility to get FEMA funds to move the building, being it is in a dangerous intersection location. There may be mini grants available. All are ideas to be looked into.

#5 on agenda....new clerk for planning/DRB boards was discussed—still looking.

The board returned to #3 on agenda. Discussed land cover, if land is forested, elevation over 1,500 feet with steep slopes it is important for flood hazard mitigation. Soils value of certain lands may score higher points on the working lands map. The map showing equal size squares with values of soils was presented also. Lands are evaluated against many criteria to create an overall score.

Motion to adjourn was made by Hank, seconded by Paul. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting –August 27, 2014

Respectfully submitted, Karla S. Barrett, Clerk

Minutes approved August 27, 2014