

TPC meeting 8/6/2019, Town Office

Present: Brenda Field, Nancy Chapman, Laura Ginsburg, Ben Wolfe, Dan Ruddell

Meeting to order at 6:40 pm

Agenda:

HazMit

Town Plan updates

MPG/Emergency planning

Membership

HazMit – Brenda heard from Stephanie Smith grant has gone through, have not heard back since; tight timetable – February is expiration. We agreed to look at the implementation table to start review process. Nancy checked table (Chapter 7), which is 4 pages. We'll focus discussion by using this as starting point. Laura will email implementation table ahead of next meeting.

Town Plan – Received updated maps and Draft 15 of the Town Plan from TRORC, which had addressed several of the items flagged for statutory compliance by Two Rivers in their prelim review. The primary item still needing attention is discussion, goals, recommendations and policies for sound agricultural and forest management practices. This language will be emailed before next meeting and we will finish this final item and submit the Town Plan to Two Rivers for formal review.

Emergency planning – Brenda continues working with school and OCPCC on development of emergency response plans; she will check next week on whether the MPG can be used for tabletop sessions and other activities connected with development of these plans (hopes to check in with TRORC at LEPC meeting). Shane discussed hopes this could tie with Fairgrounds emergency planning as well. Brenda will email next week with feedback from her inquiries. This seems to be highest priority for us in terms of possible needs from MPGs.

Membership – Laura researched requirements for membership and other requirements concerning planning Commissions

Membership can vary from 3 to 9; there are not actually any statutory requirements for what constitutes a quorum

Membership – stay at 9? Drop to 7? Having challenges getting a quorum. Current membership is 8.

Concerns expressed about having broad-based input in planning, concerns about whether a quorum of 3 is adequate; also concerns about ability to make things happen, providing tools so people can be effective. Leave membership but drop quorum number? How do we encourage ACTIVE membership? Ex-officio members can be helpful for specific knowledge base

After several amendments and discussions, voted to recommend to selectboard: drop to 7 members. Quorum for voting is majority of members present, with minimum of 3 needed for official vote.

Minutes reviewed and approved. Next meeting Tuesday September 3 at Town Office, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm