Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 6:30 pm APPROVED Minutes

Present: Amy Frost, Brenda Field, Rudi Rudell, Janet Wells, Izzy Provoncha

Town Meeting recap

mic difficulties at town mtg; No questions about sidewalk. Janet talked to Bart & Anne in town about sidewalk. No issues. Town authorized SB to investigate the noise ordinance. SB has a group looking into policing. They seem set on going with Windsor County.

Grants Updates

Sidewalk. Janet talked to Rita about replacing the sidewalk that is there, and planning for crosswalks and signage with blinking lights. Because 110 is a state road, a scoping study and engineer report is required in order to apply for money and implementation. TROCC/Rita will create a proposal based on what we've requested, and then schedule a meeting in 5-6 weeks. North Tunbridge was not part of this particular scoping study but Janet will discuss with Rita.

BRIC. Since no bids were submitted in response to the first posted, the BRIC RFP was revised and sent to Mariah for re-posting. Maryann will also send directly to Ripple Natural Resources who helped in the initial grant submission back in 2022.

Floodplain/elevation buyout opportunities

The three identified addresses/areas submitted to FEMA were the creamery, the Fairgrounds and 16 Larkin Road. VT emergency management has hired more people to help. There is an engineer to do elevations and another person for buyouts.

Town must endorse any project and an email must be sent expressing interest in a buyout or elevation by June 21st at the absolute latest. Owner will need to contribute 25% of the cost. Structure will need to be evaluated for integrity to determine if it is eligible for elevation.

Next steps: Rudi will reach out to the creamery owner to let them know the buyout/elevation program exists. Brenda/Rudi fill follow up with Gordy as rep of fairgrounds.

There are 21 other buildings identified as in the floodplain. Notices were sent out in 2005. Time to contact them again and let them know about this new funding opportunity which includes elevation funding - never been offered before.

Amy will draft short notice to be mailed. Invite people to attend the April PC meeting if interested and to discuss.

Upcoming:

April 11, Trails committee walk? Tuesday, April 16, 2024 - next PC mtg. To be discussed: Floodplain By-laws PC Open Seat/Job Opportunities