November 6, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes

Present: Janet Wells, Brenda Field, Amy Frost, Rudi Rudell, Betsy Gaiser

Sidewalks:

- Discussed the feasibility of a crosswalk without a bump-out.
- Traffic study results received from Rita, but may be based on incorrect speed limit assumptions (35 mph instead of 30 mph).
- State approval is required for traffic signals and their locations on the state road.

TROCC Plan:

- October meeting minutes to be approved at the next meeting. Amy will summarize and send to Geoff.
- TROCC feedback survey deemed unnecessary.

BRIC Updates:

- Met with Joe and Cierra from BRIC via Zoom to discuss project scope.
- Key concerns:
 - High danger on Recreation Road (particularly evident during Hurricane Irene).
 - Floodplain mapping and potential impacts (e.g., town garage, fairgrounds).
 - Undersized culverts on Strafford Road and other locations.
- Town garage and Recreation Road prioritized for immediate attention.
- Site visits will be conducted as the next step.
- Discussed the potential for flooding on the fairgrounds and the need for mitigation measures.
- Road on Jergens, previously decommissioned, would require land acquisition.

TROCC Legal Trail Case:

- TROCC will not address legal trail definitions due to the ongoing court case.
- Briefs due to Superior Court on November 8th. Judge recused herself.
- Kevin Geiger advised against modifying land use regulations for 2 years.
- VT League of Cities and Towns submitted a statement supporting Tunbridge's position.

Other Notes:

• Considered hosting a volunteer fair in January or December, potentially at the town office.