

BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes: Meeting of 10/15/14

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Attending: Andrew Delaney [Chair], Fred Dieffenbach, Peter Dohrn, Carla Hodgdon.

1. **Call to Order:** 7:09 PM.
2. **Review / Revise Agenda:** No changes to draft distributed 10/10/14.
3. **Minutes of the 08/13/14 Special Meeting:** Approved.
4. **Correspondence:** (a) Copy of amended Stockbridge Town Plan with notice of public hearing on September 23rd - file; (b) Notice from Environmental Conservation to Baker, 509 Trout Brook Road, that application received to amend permit to change pretreated mound to a performance based mound without pretreatment - file.
5. **FY2015 Municipal Planning Grant Status:** Application has been submitted. Awards anticipated in November: Andrew will check with Chris Sargent regarding specific timing. Chris [Two Rivers Outaquechee Regional Planning] is not available to assist with Zoning Ordinance amendments until funding also available to cover the costs of his time.
6. **Discussion: Town Plan Implementation:** Carla will 'cut and paste' action items, grouping them by responsible municipal authority: this may facilitate various municipal groups focusing on specific components of the Town Plan.
7. **Discussion: Areas of Bethel Zoning Ordinance needing changes:** This was started several years ago when the Commission was considering amendments to both Town Plan and Zoning in tandem. It was discontinued to focus on Town Plan amendments with the acknowledgement that Zoning would need to be subsequently [and fairly immediately] addressed. Discussion ensued regarding (a) should exclusions be included for each Base Zoning District, and (b) should we consider unifying the Bethel Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations? No decisions made at this time.
8. **OTHER:** Commission members with electronic mail receive the periodic realty reports from Joanne Kent, former Commission member. Carla will send copies to Peter and Cecil.
9. **Next Meeting / Agenda Items:** Next meeting date to be determined, pursuant to knowing results of the MPG application. Should grant decisions be made in late November, it was suggested that the Commission next meet in January 2015 [the Commission has rarely met in December due to close proximity to the Holiday season]. Interim homework would be for all Commission members to familiarize themselves with the newly adopted Town Plan and existing Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.
10. **Adjourn:** 8:06 PM.

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