

BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes: Meeting of 01/18/17

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Attending: Andrew Delaney (Chair), Fred Dieffenbach, Peter Dohrn, Carla Hodgdon.

1. **Call to Order:** 7:01 PM.
2. **Review / Revise Agenda:** Date of this meeting as distributed on 01/12/17 was corrected from '07/18' to '01/18'.
3. **Correspondence:** (1) Certified mail from Mardi Sanchez, Randolph Zoning Administrator, regarding a proposed amendment to their Land Use Regulations- no need to comment/file; (2) Information on 'Way to Go! Commuter Challenge' and 'Zoning Forum', both scheduled in September-October, 2016- file; (3) Notice from TRORC regarding potential funding for Enhanced Energy Planning- Carla will forward this to Jose Iazo, Chair of the Bethel Energy Committee.
4. **Minutes- 07/20/16 Public Hearing and 07/20/16 Meeting:** Approved as distributed in draft on 07/23/16.
5. **Election of Officers:** [Carla's and Fred's terms will be up on July 1st of this year- neither wishes to be reappointed. Cecil Washburn, reappointed in 2016 through 2019, has stated that he has already talked with Town Manager Keith Arlund about not serving after July 1st of this year.] The current slate of officers [Chair, Andrew Delaney, Vice-Chair, Fred Dieffenbach; and Clerk, Carla Hodgdon] offered to continue to serve in these capacities through June, 2017. This being agreed on, the only appropriate member to vote was Peter Dohrn. Cecil had suggested this when he called to excuse himself from the meeting- this made a vote in the affirmative unanimous.
6. **Request by Recreation Committee re Skate Park:** A letter sent to the Recreation Committee on January 12th in support of their grant application to the Tony Hawk Foundation was unanimous ratified by the Commission.
7. **Discussion: transmittal of proposed Zoning Amendments to Selectboard, subsequent SB Hearing, outcome:** Commission members were in accord with adjustments made to the River Corridor use. Andrew requested [via email] that Commission members be provided with copies of the final draft before it goes to Public Hearing.
8. **2017 Activities:** (1) Recruitment for new members to propose to the Selectboard: Andrew will talk with Laura Rubenis, who had expressed interest previously in serving. (2) up-date Town Plan, last adopted in 2014: it would behoove the Commission to apply for a grant [should they be available] to garner the support and assistance of TRORC. This usually occurs in September, and -if obtained- would enable activity to start in early 2018.
9. **Other Business as Necessary:** None.
10. **Next Meeting / Agenda Items:** Wednesday, February 15th, 2017. Agenda will include discussion of the existing Town Plan to identify areas that will 'need work'. [We already are aware that the energy component needs to be expanded and hope to engage the Energy Committee to assist with this.]
11. **Adjourn:** 7:52 PM.

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TO: Tony Hawk Foundation
FROM: Bethel Planning Commission
DATE: 12 January 2017

RE: Grant Application for Skate Park
Bethel Recreation Committee

The Bethel Planning Commission supports the above-mentioned grant application for creation of a quality skate park. This is an integral component of the Master Plan for improvements at the Recreation Center on Pleasant Street.

Bethel Planning Commission members:

Andrew Delaney, Chair
Fred Dieffenbach, Vice-Chair
Peter Dohrn
Carla Hodgdon
Cecil Washburn