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HUNTINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of February 11, 2013

PRESENT: Dana Cummings, Everett Marshall, Ginger Lubkowitz, Julia Austin, Gordon Miller, Heather Pembrook
ABSENT: Knox Cummin
OTHERS PRESENT:
MINUTES: Heidi Racht

Agenda

7 pm MEETING BEGINS
7-8:30 Town Plan
8:45-9 Village Code
9 pm Minutes of January 28, 2013
Mail
9:15 Member Business
9:30 Adjourn

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm, chaired by Dana Cummings

The order of the agenda was revised to approve the minutes in order to review the work done at the previous meeting on the Town Plan.

Minutes of January 28, 2013	Ginger Lubkowitz moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2013; seconded by Julia Austin. The minutes of January 28, 2013 were approved with edits.
Town Plan	The Commission began discussion on the Town Plan by reviewing the section on Historic Features. Julia Austin raised the issue around the existing goal #2: Protect Huntington's historic and archeological sites and the Huntington Center Historic District. She asked if the town had any known archeological sites and whether someone from the state could advise the Commission on existing sites. Ginger Lubkowitz questioned the existing implementation item: Require that public hearings be held prior to approval for removal of or significant alteration to Huntington's historic structures, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4407(15). She suggested that the Commission explore resident interest in these type of designations and that there would be a hearing to make changes. The Commission then went on to discuss evaluating the limitations of Village Code to maintain historic characteristics – and the degree to which Village

Code would accomplish this.

Austin commented, "If Village Code could accomplish this, then there's no need to subject people to a hearing." Lubkowitz proposed that the Commission work to increase awareness of historic structures in the town.

The discussion moved to the historic district when Dana Cummings suggested an overlay district that applies standards that are specific.

Lubkowitz reminded the Commission that it had, in a previous discussion, suggested that the Lincoln Hill history be incorporated into this section.

The Commission also determined that a consultation with the UVM Anthropology be a implementation recommendation.

Lubkowitz again raised the issue of awareness that the preservation of the town's historic structures can be for the public good. Austin suggested that this be addressed at "some later point."

The Commission discussed that an implementation point would be to produce a map and list of historic structures.

The Village Center was discussed next and the Lower Village's designation as this center.

Gordon Miller commented that the current Zoning Ordinance does not allow for the development of the Town Hall. Village Code allows for revitalization of the Town Hall. Dana Cummings said that there might be some "untapped philanthropy out there" to help with the costs associated with the renovation of this town building.

RECREATION

The discussion around recreation was broad, touching on topics from local opportunities for residents to accommodating the many visitors who visit Huntington to enjoy the town's natural features like hiking, skiing and biking. Julia Austin began the discussion by commented that the Town Plan should prioritize recreation goals. First and foremost goal should be to "provide a diversity of quality recreation for Huntington residents and visitors."

"People are going to show up" and the town should "make it work, so they aren't doing things like parking in people's driveways."

Dana Cummings the suggested that the Commission have a discussion with Charlie Baker of CCRPC regarding the conservation of green space. He likened it to carbon credits with developers of big projects in other towns

	<p>buying conservation development rights in Huntington to allow the town's property owners to afford to conserve land.</p> <p>ENERGY</p> <p>Julia Austin explained that the town should take action to determine "what kind of energy development we want in our town." The state has goals that cannot be met and it is important that the community plan. She gave a source: vermontenergyatlas.com and Everett Marshall suggested Biofinder (graphic of potential energy resources – number of energy inventory that can be cached) as a starting point.</p> <p>The Town Plan discussion will continue with the Energy section on February 25.</p>
Village Code	The next meeting to discuss Village Code will be held on February 21, 7 pm, at the Town Clerk's Office.
Mail	1. Wastewater permits were reviewed.
Member Business	<p>1. Dana Cummings reviewed the discussion held between the Selectboard and CCRPC members Charlie Baker and Michele Boomhower on February 4. A \$500 million shortfall for funding of transportation projects "already on the books" is predicted. There is no regional support for it.</p> <p>Julia Austin commented that there should be a public transportation spur for people travelling to and from Burlington. Everett Marshall remarked that most of Vermont is decreasing in population. Gordon Miller disagreed, stating that this was an "important time for the Town Plan. The town was still at a place to shape things for the next 10 or 20 years for "how we want it to be."</p>
	<p>2. Candidates on the Town Meeting ballot for the three three-year positions are Everett Marshall and Gordon Miller; Heather Pembroke is running for the one-year position.</p> <p>3. Everett Marshall discussed the ECOS project. There will be a focus group workshop where participants mark areas on a map that are "special" to them.</p> <p>4. Dana Cummings asked if anyone knew what had happened to the graduate school liaison who had attended the public meeting on January 10. No one knew.</p>

Adjournment: Ginger Lubkowitz moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Everett Marshall. The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES TO THE HPC: February 22, 2013

MINUTES APPROVED: February 25, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES TO THE TOWN CLERK: February 28, 2013

February 25, 2013 Proposed Agenda

6:59 pm MEETING BEGINS

7 pm Town Plan

8:45 Village Code update

8:50 Minutes of February 11, 2013

Mail

9 pm Discussion of upcoming business / agenda requests

March 11: Conservation Commission to discuss Land Use, etc.

March 25: Village Hill Final Subdivision Review (tentatively scheduled pending receipt of completed application and fees)

9:15 pm Member Business

9:25 Public Comment

9:30 pm Adjourn