

Planning Commission Meeting July 7, 2016 7:00 PM Minutes

In Attendance, Chuck Marian, Rich Aronson, Kate Chatot, Dawn Andrews
Karen Deasy (ZA) Michael Socks (energy coordinator)

1. Review agenda

Agenda accepted

2. Public Comment

None

3. Town Plan review - Energy, Housing and Population, Economic Development and Community facilities

Michael Socks provided a revised write-up for the written portion of the energy section. Board will review revised text for inclusion.

Energy - Goals and strategies:

- VI.1 – add energy coordinator to key implementer
- Delete VI-.2 (b)
- Rewrite VI.3 to encourage compliance increase public awareness and add planning commission and energy Coordinator to Implementers, measure of progress would be increased compliance with requirements.
- VI.4 – change wording to include new and existing, add energy coordinator
- VI.7 delete
- VI.8 rework to include - encouraging expansion and use of regional public transportation
- VI.9 (b) delete
- V1.9 c check status
- VI.10 move to economic development
- Add section at end of write up that discusses planned goals and achievements Land use section will be looked at for discussion of renewable energy and siting concerns and issues. Will check with regional planning on goal text for this section.
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- Economic Development section VII
- -Edit first line to read: A “Healthy Economy” was indicated by residents as the number One factor for economic development.
- - Delete first line paragraph 2
- - Third paragraph – delete “in September 2010”
- - Change references that say Downtown to “Village Center”
- - Confirm population #'s with regional planning
- Section B
- -Include Village Center designation from 2014
- -Revise creamery numbers to new information provided to the Town for workers and visitors

- - CCA will be providing an updated list of local businesses
 - -school will be providing updated information
 - Section B delete last sentence
 - Agricultural section,
 - - reverse first two paragraphs include diversified farms in totals here
 - -revise list of ag businesses
 - -first paragraph strike small and midsized farms provide total count
 - Add to first paragraph “Cabot residents have ranked farms and farming as an important community issue, including the development of value added agriculture and farm based businesses.
 - Tourism section
 - Check data with creamery
 - - add connection to rail trail system
 - - include ride ridges in local events
 - - add addition of new state park
 - Next meeting will continue at center for Agricultural economy page VII-3
4. Other Business
- Planning Commission has been invited to a joint Selectboard meeting on July 19th at 6:15 pm
5. Next meeting date August 4 2016

Submitted by Karen Deasy