



TOWN OF CONCORD  
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD  
MUNICIPAL PLAN HEARING  
JUNE 3, 2015  
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Members Present: Cynthia Stuart, Jim Gochie, Stuart Gray, Linda Hartwell, Judy Kurtz

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Present: Linda Hartwell

Other Officials Present: Harold Lunnie, Selectboard Representative, Irene Nagle, NVDA Representative

Citizen's Present: George Morehouse, Roger Joslin, Lou Brach

Cynthia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Cynthia welcomed everyone to the presentation of the updated Municipal Plan and introduced the board members and Irene Nagle. She explained that the board wrote a grant in the fall, and worked with Irene Nagle from NVDA to update the expiring town plan. The board worked on this plan throughout the winter. After this hearing, and the changes are made, the plan will be presented to the Selectboard for approval.

Cynthia explained the benefits of having a municipal plan such as the ability to update zoning laws, the ability to apply for grant moneys, and the ability to be involved in Act 250 hearings.

She also mentioned that a town survey was used to determine what residents viewed as the top planning priorities for Concord. The respondents identified roads and bridges, quality of education for grades pre-k -8; quality of education for grades 9-12, high speed internet and business growth as the top 5 planning priorities.

Cynthia opened the meeting to suggestions. The following additions/corrections were made:

Page 3 – Add Judy Kurtz to the list of planning commission members

Page 38 – 6.8 – Change Recreational to Recreation

Page 77 –page 82 Fill in blank squares with gray shading if there is no wording

Page 81 – Correct typographical error under the first bullet in goal 4

Page 74 – Goal 3 – No action or responsible party was listed under: Direct tourism-related development to the village.

Action - Non- Regulatory

Responsible Party – Newly formed Concord Chamber of Commerce

The suggestion was made to print a small number of copies of the completed town plan. One will be available at the Municipal Building, The Town Clerk's Office and the Library. The finalized plan will also be available on the town website.

The completed plan with the changes will be sent to the Selectboard this week. The Selectboard hearing is scheduled to be held on July 7th. If any substantial changes are made at that time, another hearing will need to be held, if not, the plan can be approved at that time.

Roger Joslin asked about zoning bylaw changes. Cynthia said the board was making changes to the bylaws and will plan to have those proposed changes by the fall. Roger Joslin discussed his concerns with the Shoreland Protection law and the complications of it. There will be a Shoreland Protection information session held at the Town Hall on June 30th put on by the State of Vermont.

Other Comments Included:

Cynthia stated the board has talked about the junk ordinance and how to enforce it.

Harold said he liked the way the Economic Development Goals and Strategies were written.

George mentioned that some of the items in this plan are already being worked on.

Jim made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.; Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hartwell  
Planning/Zoning Board Secretary

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Cynthia Stuart, Chair

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