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Minutes of March 20, 2001

Members Present: Kelly Rogers, Kevin Lane, Bruce Tomlinson, and Bill Henchey (Julia Compagna by speaker phone on marketing grant only)

Members Absent: Sam Guy and Julia Compagna

Guest: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. by Kelly Roger, Acting- Chair.

Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2001 and March 6, 2001 as written. Bill seconded the motion and it approved unanimously.

The Planning Commission welcomed Kevin Lane to the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission brought Kevin up to speed on grant second planning grant and the third planning grant, as well as, the proposed bylaw amendments.

Heidi Krantz and the Marketing Grant: Heidi has drafted a RFP for our marketing grant. Julia and Ken told the Board that she can not manage the grant out of the funds the Select Board appropriated for the four groups. Heidi would like to be given notice if we ask her to do the before we apply for any grants. Ken has had Heidi hold back 15% of the grant back for overhead. Ken is unsure until we get a consultant on board if this 15% is adequate to cover all of Heidi time and expenses, as 15% is the maximum the grant will allow for overhead. Julia and Ken said if Heidi expenses exceed the 15%, we may have to go to the Select Board and ask that we pay the Heidi time and expenses out of "other purchased service" in our budget. We have funds in the budget to cover this type of expenses.

Bruce made a motion to pay Heidi time and expenses from the 15% in the grant.

Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Julia made a motion to request from the Select Board to pay Heidi out of the "other purchased services" line in the budget, if Heidi's time and expenses exceed 15% of the grant.

Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Zoning Bylaw Amendments:

Ken brought back to the Commission a revised "Community Facility" and "Lot Size" definition. The definition of Community Facility addresses the Commission concerns. Ken has revised the Lot Size definition and hopes it will address Dick Sargent's concern. Our Zoning and Subdivision Bylaws do not allow the land form the center of the road to the edge of the road right-of-way to be included in the lot size calculations as this land is unuseable for development. Dick concerns were that the deeds can not be changed to go to the edge of the right-of-way. Dick was unable to meet with the DRB last week

Bill made a motion to have Ken go the Trustees next meeting to get their feedback on the lot size definition.

Kevin seconded the motion and passed unaniouly.

Ken explained that our definition for essential services does not include the solid waste district, however when the Legislature created the district they were included as an essential service and in VSA 24, Chapter 117,

§4409 as uses if we do not address thease uses are then allowed with conditions. This was brought up at the DRB hearing on the relocation of LRSWMD recycling center. Ken present the Board with an updated definition for essential services and for special uses essential services which would deal with the landfills if an application is filed in the future. Ken left it to the Commission to decide where recycling station and transfer stations should go in the definition. The Commission decided that the recycling station and a truck for mixed waste that is only their when the recycling station is open, can go under regular essential services. Transfer station should go under special use essential services.

Bill made a motion to revise the definition for Essential Services includes defines water as either potable water or storm water as an essential services and that recycling stations and the truck at the recycling station only when its open as essential services; and that transfer station and landfill have a new definition as special use essential services.

Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Forcier-Aldrich Report: The Planning Commission went over the summary of the Forcier-Aldrich study and will review the entire study before our next meeting.

Other Business:

The Planning Commission discussed future growth and the municipal sewer system, as well as, other municipal service.

The Commission discussed the keeping the downtown area strong and viable; and events that can bring people into the downtown both during the workweek and weekends.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM.
Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenneth J. Sweetser, scribe