Hardwick Planning Commission

September 3, 2019
Public Hearing regarding Municipal Plan Update
Subsequent Meeting of the HPC
Hardwick Memorial Building

Members Present: Dave Gross, Chair; Jim Lewis; Ken Davis; Diane Grenkow; and Joyce Mandeville

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator (ZA); Shari Cornish, Select Board member; Norma Wiesen; Lenore Renaud; Nicole Davignon; and Dennis Sauer.

Chair Dave Gross opened the public hearing at 6:30 pm. He informed those in attendance that this was a public hearing to solicit comments on the updated Municipal Plan. He introduced a brief review of the changes made to the 2014 version of the plan. Generally, the Planning Commission tried to make the document easier to utilize. They also endeavored to reduce duplication of ideas and possible contradictions.

Norma Wiesen and Lenore Renaud from the Hardwick Trails Committee introduced 3 suggested changes to the draft Municipal Plan (attached). The Planning Commission received these changes and incorporated them into the amended version of the plan. The Trails Committee was also asked to forward pictures of the Hardwick Trails and a link to the Trails map for inclusion in the final plan.

Norma Wiesen also noted that she found the updated plan to be much easier to work with.

Nicole Davignon from the Conservation Commission introduced 4 suggested changes to the draft Municipal Plan (attached). The Planning Commission received these changes and incorporated them into the amended version.

Shari Cornish inquired about the titles "public works" and "road crew." The Planning Commission will review this aspect. Shari also noted that the Restorative Justice and AWARE groups were not incorporated into the plan. (*This has been corrected*.)

After discussion, Jim Lewis made the motion to close the hearing at 7:15 p.m. Ken Davis provided the second to the motion. All Planning Commission Members were in favor with a 5-0 vote.

The Planning Commission reviewed the submitted comments and made minor changes to the draft version of the plan. After further discussion, Ken Davis made the motion to forward the amended draft of the Municipal Plan to the Select Board for their consideration. Jim Lewis seconded the motion. All Planning Commission Members were in favor with a 5-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted ~ Kristen Leahy, ZA