

Hardwick Planning Commission
Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Task Force
July 14, 2020
Atkins Field Pavilion
Minutes

HPC Members Present: Jim Lewis; Joyce Mandeville; Ken Davis; and Dave Gross, Chair.

Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator (ZA); Elizabeth Dow and Shari Cornish, Select Board Members.

Absent: Shaun Fielder, Town Manager

Chair Dave Gross opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Elizabeth Dow moved to approve the agenda as published. Ken Davis seconded. All members were in favor.

Shari Cornish moved to approve the March 10, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Elizabeth Dow seconded. All members were in favor. Shari Cornish moved to approve the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Jim Lewis seconded. All members were in favor.

The final draft of the Phase I suggestions was reviewed by the commission. Police Chief Cochran and the Town Road Agent (Tom) have submitted verbal comments to the Town Manager. Shaun will forward the comments to the commission as soon as they are in written form. Wiz recommended a visual component be created for the viewing audience when the recommendations are sent to the Select Board. Dave will create a power point slide show and Kristen will create an abbreviated (easy to read) version of the recommendation list (1 page versus 4+ pages).

Elizabeth Dow moved to forward the Phase I recommendations to the Select board for their review. Ken Davis seconded. All members were in favor.

Discussion pivoted to the Phase II recommendations. The following ideas will be examined:

1. Creating a designated parking spot for delivery trucks in downtown Hardwick
2. Conducting a walkability study (AARP?)
3. Place-making ideas for the downtown areas
4. Creating a bike corridor from the Rail Trail to downtown Hardwick Village.
5. Reviewing artery speeds and methods for controlling high speeds
6. Upgrading the Mill Street access points and the sidewalks.

Two requests were received for letters of support from the Hardwick Planning Commission. Both entities will be pursuing Cultural Facilities grants from the Vermont Arts Council. The Caledonia Grange #9 in East Hardwick would utilize the grant to upgrade the wiring in the Grange building. The Hardwick Town House would utilize the grant to update the fire escapes and to enclose and to create lift accessibility.

Elizabeth Dow moved to approve the submittal of a letter of support from the Hardwick Planning Commission for the Caledonia Grange #9 grant. Shari Cornish seconded. All members were in favor.

Shari Cornish moved to amend the agenda to include the request for a letter of support from the Hardwick Town House. Elizabeth Dow seconded. All members were in favor.

Elizabeth Dow moved to approve the submittal of a letter of support from the Hardwick Planning Commission for the Hardwick Town House grant. Joyce Mandeville seconded. All members were in favor.

Ken Davis moved to close the meeting at 7:45. Jim Lewis seconded. All members were in favor.

The next HPC meeting will be on August 11, 2020 at the Atkins Field Pavilion.

~ Respectfully submitted, Kristen Leahy, ZA