Hardwick Planning Commission

June 11, 2024
Public Hearing regarding Hardwick Unified Development Bylaws Update
On Zoom and In-person on the 3rd Floor of the Memorial Building
At 6:30 pm
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Members Present: Dave Gross, Chair; Ken Davis; Shari Cornish; Michael Haveson (on Zoom); Joyce Mandeville; Jim Lewis; Bud Stevens, 1st Alternate; Larry Fliegelman; and Kole (2nd Alternate)

Members Absent: Ken Davis (Bud Stevens assumes Ken Davis' vote)

Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator (ZA); Heather Carrington; Tracy Martin (CDC); Jody Xuereb; and Cecile Leriche, property owners in Hardwick.

Chair Dave Gross opened the public hearing at 6:30 pm.

Dave Gross presented a general overview of the Bylaw Modernization grant funding and the HOME Act process. An historical overview was also provided. He stated that the proposed bylaw updates will move as recommendations to the Select Board and the Select Board will host another public hearing. After the second public hearing, the Select Board will vote on the future of the proposed updates.

An extensive discussion was held regarding the proposed updates to the Flood Hazard Area Overlay. Jody Xuereb and Cecile Leriche own property in the mapped Floodplain and wished to understand the proposal and the state of floodplain administration in the Town of Hardwick. Questions ranged from the proposed changes to the new Floodplain (FEMA) maps which will be introduced by 2025 or 2026. The proposed Flood Hazard Area Overlay bylaw updates would bring the Town of Hardwick into compliance with FEMA and the State of Vermont. All towns must be in compliance prior to the adoption of the new flood maps or they will lose their status as a NFIP participant.

After discussion, Larry Fliegelman made the motion to close the hearing at 7:25 p.m. Shari Cornish provided the second to the motion. All Planning Commission Members were in favor of the motion with a 7-0 vote.

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted ~ Kristen Leahy, ZA