

Hardwick Planning Commission
August 14, 2018
Hardwick Memorial Building
Minutes

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

HPC members Absent: Cynthia Grant, Joyce Mandeville, and Diane Grenkow

Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator (ZA) and Alison Link, Policy & Community Outreach Coordinator for Healthy Lamoille Valley.

Chair Gross opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. As no quorum was present, the minutes from July 2018 will be reviewed at the September 2018 meeting.

Alison Link, the Policy and Community Outreach Coordinator for Healthy Lamoille Valley made a presentation to the Planning Commission. Ms. Link works with the substance abuse prevention coalition. This group is working with multiple stakeholders in the Lamoille Valley. Sixteen towns comprise this territory, including Hardwick. Two main themes were introduced to the Commission:

1. 3/ 4/50 campaign
2. A Primer on Planning for Prevention

From a planning perspective, Hardwick has easy access to natural settings and recreation opportunities. There are cycles of poverty/substance abuse but there is also recreation potential, economic development potential and the possibility of the creation of safe spaces.

The 3/4/50 campaign refers to the three behaviors (tobacco use, lack of physical movement, and poor nutrition) which lead to the four diseases (heart disease, lung disease, cancer, and diabetes) which account for over 50% of the deaths in Vermont. The Town of Hardwick could choose to be a 3/4/50 partner with the State (this could be an action step for the Town Plan, for example).

A Primer on Planning for Prevention provides additional ideas and language which could be incorporated into the Town Plan. The Primer could be added to the plan as an appendix or integrated into the actual language.

The Municipal Planning Grant will not be sought this year due to budget concerns (the matching grant monies are not included in the current budget). In addition, there has been a staffing change in the Town Manager's office and the new business manager (grant manager) will commence work in September. The proposed review of the downtown and rail trail corridor has been communicated to the Town Manager's office for further consideration.

The editing of the 2014 Town Plan framework continued. Chairman Gross suggested that the final plan have 3 pages per requirement (12 required components in State statute). The first page would be text, the next 1.5 pages would be graphs/pictures/maps, and the last .5 pages would be the goals/policies /action steps. The additional information would be placed in the appendix.

Due to the lack of quorum, no decisions were made regarding any suggestions of the meeting.

The next HPC meeting will be on September 11, 2018.

Board adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Leahy, ZA