

Hardwick Planning Commission  
September 14, 2021  
Via Zoom with Physical Location at the Memorial Building  
Minutes

HPC Members Present: Joyce Mandeville; Ken Davis; Michael Haveson; Shari Cornish; and Dave Gross, Chair

Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator (ZA) and Matthew Best, Hardwick resident.

Absent: Jim Lewis

Chair Dave Gross opened the meeting at 6:35 pm. Ken Davis moved to approve the agenda. Joyce Mandeville seconded. All members were in favor. Joyce Mandeville moved to approve the August 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Ken Davis seconded. All members were in favor.

Dave opened with suggestions for the Phase II recommendations. Local Motion met with Dave and he is now waiting for their review. The Town has paved Cedar Street and Main Street but there is no information as to where the lines will be drawn.

Phase II:

- East Hardwick – sidewalks, crosswalks, possible island in the middle of the Cedar Street/Main Street intersection. *Currently waiting to review the Local Motion suggestions.*
- Possible location of a small-delivery truck parking space in the Hardwick downtown. *Currently waiting to see what delivery patterns emerge with a re-location of the Co-op.*
- Installation of sidewalks on Mill Street and in front of Brochu's Garage.
- North Main Street intersection near the Municipal building/Library/Electric Department. *Currently waiting to see how the construction of the library expansion affects the intersection traffic.*
- Speed bumps and traffic calming installations on arteries such as West Church Street. *To be discussed with the new Town Manager.*
- Sidewalks and crosswalks near Atkins Field.

Kristen will research the rules about placement for the crosswalks. Specifically, she will review the Town ordinances.

The HPC will conduct an AARP walk-thru on West Church Street on September 21 (Tuesday) at 11 a.m.

Dubois and King provided answers to the HPC questions (see attachment). The HPC will again attempt to schedule a meeting to review the plans (*Requested via email on September 15, 2021 – KL*). The date will be forwarded to the Select Board. The HPC continues to recommend that the handicap spot on South Main Street/Route 14 adjacent to the church be retained. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Select Board for their consideration (*Requested via email on September 15, 2021 – KL*). The crosswalk between the Village Market and the Town parking is an additional aspect to consider (*There is currently a crosswalk in place – plans appear to remove this crosswalk – site verified by KL*).

AT&T (New Cingular Wireless) filed a notice of petition on September 14, 2021. The data link to the application was uploaded to the Town's website. The HPC will review the petition at their next meeting (October 12, 2021) as the comments and/or request to intervene are due on October 15, 2021. Neighbor

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Matthew Best had not received his mailed copy of the application yet and inquired as to whether the petition requested a new tower (swap for the existing tower). Kristen and Dave Gross had been able to make a cursory review of the application and neither saw evidence of a new tower. Petition appears to request installation of auxiliary items such as a fence and a generator and new panels on the tower. AT&T is no longer requesting a 10 foot extension to the existing tower. Discussion will occur at the next HPC meeting.

A postcard will be sent to owners in the Village Neighborhood zoning district. Approximately 500 owners are in this district. The postcard will request opinions on adding the following uses to the conditional use list for this district – Restaurant and Warehouse/Storage.

Ken Davis stated that he would like to pursue a zoning approach with less zoning districts. The State has recently released a zoning document entitled – “Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods.” Kristen will review and report back to the Planning Commission on the feasibility of this suggestion.

The next meeting will be conducted by Zoom with a physical location of the third floor of the Memorial Building. The date will be October 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Ken Davis moved to close the meeting at 7:43 pm. Shari Cornish seconded. All members were in favor.

The next HPC meeting will be by Zoom on October 12, 2021.

~ Respectfully submitted, Kristen Leahy, ZA