

Hardwick Planning Commission
October 8, 2024
Hybrid – In-Person and Zoom options
Minutes

HPC Members Present: Shari Cornish; Bud Stevens; Dave Gross, Chair; Michael Haveson; and Larry Fliegelman

HPC Members Attending ANR Forum: Jim Lewis; Gillian D’Acierno; and Kole

HPC Members Absent: Ken Davis

Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator

Chair Dave Gross opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Shari Cornish moved to approve the agenda as written. Larry Fliegelman seconded. All members were in favor. Shari Cornish moved to approve the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Bud Stevens seconded. All members were in favor.

Updates from the Community Development Coordinator – Tracy Martin

None at this time.

Motion: N/A

AARP Walkability Studies:

The draft version of the Wolcott Street AARP Walkability Study (with labels) was reviewed and adjusted by the Planning Commission. A bicycle element was introduced to recognize the new “loop” that is emerging with the rail trail visitors.

Motion: To submit the Wolcott Street Community Walk Audit with the amendments discussed at the October 8, 2024 HPC meeting to the Select Board.

Bud Stevens made the motion and Larry Fliegelman seconded. All members were in favor.

Flood Recovery – Hazard Mitigation projects:

No additional information at this time.

Motion: N/A

Long Term Community Recovery Plan:

No additional information at this time.

Motion: N/A

Village Center Zoning District in East Hardwick:

Currently, the East Hardwick village center is located in the Central Business and the Compact Residential and the Highway Mixed Use zoning districts. The conditions present in East Hardwick do not match these zoning districts. The HPC reviewed the draft version of the Village Center Zoning District and the draft location of the potential new zoning district. The Planning Commission created final draft versions for discussion with the

impacted properties. Letters will be sent to individual property owners and the Planning Commission will host a public hearing (listening) for responses on December 10, 2024.

Phases I and II:

N/A

Motion: N/A

Short Term Rentals:

N/A

Motion: N/A

Hardwick Ecological Inventory:

N/A

Updates from Commission Members or the Zoning Administrator:

The Planning, Zoning and Floodplain pages on the Town's website are currently under construction. The combination of the pages will hopefully be easier to navigate. The information about South Main Street's parking conditions was presented in report form to the Select Board. They are seeking additional information about line painting costs for that stretch of access to the Downtown.

The Zoning Administrator will be unable to attend the November meeting due to medical reasons.

Motion: To hold the next meeting of the Hardwick Planning Commission on December 10, 2024.

Larry Fliegelman made the motion and Shari Cornish seconded. All members were in favor.

Motion: To conclude the Hardwick Planning Commission Meeting.

Larry Fliegelman made the motion and Shari Cornish seconded. All members were in favor.

The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

The next HPC meeting will be at 6:30 pm on December 10, 2024 on the 3rd Floor of the Memorial Building and via Zoom. This meeting will be recorded to comply with the new State Rules. The meeting will include a public listening session regarding the draft version of the Village Center Zoning District.

~ Respectfully submitted, Kristen Leahy, ZA