TOWN OF WATERFORD PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATED JULY 15, 2015 MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Howard Remick, Dave Senio, John Gillott, Tom

Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Dimick, Mike Barrett, Bob duMaire

NONMEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Brimmer, Doug Morton, Helen

Pike, and Secretary Carol Priest

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M by Howard.

Minutes

Tom moved to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2015, meeting.

Dave seconded the motion.

Howard called for a vote and all present approved the motion.

Modification of Agenda

Doug Morton, Senior Transportation Planner from NVDA was present to discuss the transportation section of the town plan, which is currently under revision, at the request of Irene Nagle, who was unable to attend the meeting. He provided an annotated version of that document, which included suggested changes and questions posed by Irene for the board to review. Members discussed topics noted at the previous meeting, such as reducing the speed limit on Vermont Route 18 near the intersection of Lower Waterford Road. He reviewed the process for initiating such a change, including a study of traffic, etc., which must involve the AOT. He will send the guide for that to the Secretary, who will forward it to the members. It was noted that a small section of railroad tracks at the western end of town, operated by Washington County Railroad could support the addition of a siding, which could be included under the RR section (Other Transportation Services) of the town plan.

Doug cited the Codes and Standards, as outlined in the "Orange Book," that are currently in use in the town, as a guidebook for road, ditch, and bridge maintenance requirements. He will ask Irene to make reference to that book in the town plan.

Recreation trails were discussed. The Waterford Nature Trail, a closed-loop trail near the Waterford School, is the only one presently signed as a walking trail. Other options for walking/hiking/recreational use might include Class 4 roads, sometimes deemed impassable and not for vehicular traffic. Carol will send revised language to Irene for possible inclusion in the Recreation Trails subsection of the town plan.

Members also discussed the possibility of adding a wider shoulder area to Vermont Route 18 to allow for a bike route. This could be accomplished as part of the process involved in reducing the speed limit on that roadway.

Helen Pike requested that the Daniels Farm Road and Higgins Hill Road be added to the Scenic Roads section of the plan. Members generally agreed and noted that Route 18 could be added as well.

Citizens' Concerns

Helen distributed a listing of events scheduled for the next three months for the Waterford Historical Society. She encouraged members to participate.

Old Business

Citizens' comments will continue to be reviewed as the work on the town plan revision continues.

New Business

Doug will review the transportation document discussed at the meeting and send corrections/additions to the secretary for review by the board at its August meeting.

Other

The agenda was set for the August 19th meeting: Minutes; Modification of Agenda; Citizens' Concerns; Old Business: Transportation updates and Survey/Citizens' comments; New Business: Town Plan update – Land Use; Other. If members have comments or ideas to be included in the Land Use review, they are asked to send them directly to Irene prior to the August meeting. There was no other business brought forward at this time.

| The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M. | |
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| Respectfully submitted, | |
| Carol Priest, Secretary | Approved: |