

Minutes

Plainfield Planning Commission Meeting

Monday December 21st 2020

Present: Will Colgan, Jesse Cooper, Karen Storey, Claire Rock (CVRPC), Ned Swanberg (VT-DEC Regional Floodplain Manager), Paula Emery, Zach Maia (CVRPC)

Call to order

Approval of Minutes

Jesse made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Karen seconded the motion. The motion was voted in favor to approve.

Ned gave a presentation on the current flood control requirements that the state is looking at for floodplain management. There are multiple layers of regulatory overlays on the different watercourses in the town. There are Federal and State as well as local regulations. Plainfield has a relatively up to date framework for flood mitigation but needs more work. Adopting the River Hazard Area and River Corridor are important items to have in place.

The newest model regulations that DEC is using allows for somewhat more accommodation for existing structure but still provide room for the river use its floodplain over time. One concept is don't build closer to the river than what is already there.

Having a River Corridor Protection section in the town's regulations will allow the state to increase the amount they will pay for future damage from flooding.

There was discussion of some specific properties in town and how the maps interact with them. Ned said that the FEMA flood maps will have some computer modeling updating for Washington County. In this new update some of the village bridges could appear as dams since during high water they could impact the flow of the Great Brook. This will have an influence on the bridge replacement project in the village and is a result of some the recent studies of the Great Brook in the village

Ned mentioned the erosion hazard zone and how that has been mapped and is an important part of the flood hazard regulations.

Ned said he would send out a Word Document containing the newest language and the Planning Commission can review and incorporate that into the draft Zoning.

Ned sent a link that is a YouTube recording of the meeting.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox?projector=1>

The meeting adjourned at 8:20