

**CHELSEA PLANNING COMMISSION
1/19/17 MEETING
SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Members Present: Dickson Corbett, Tim Courts, Neil Kennedy, Marianne McCann

Public Present: Susan Hardin

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Erik Flanders has resigned from the planning commission. Dickson will send a letter to the selectboard asking them to fill the two open positions. The selectboard has indicated that they will interview and consider applicants at the 1/31 meeting.

2. A discussion was held about the idea of supporting an initiative to bring a grocery store to town. Susan Hardin and Tim discussed the work they had done on researching past initiatives and starting another discussion. Several different possibilities and business models were discussed. For next meeting, Tim and Susan agreed to talk to Will Gilman and Erik Flanders. Tim agreed to talk to Jessie Schmidt and Wendy Forbes who were involved in the most recent work that was done on the idea. Tim agreed to talk approach the South Royalton Market for input and advice. Susan agreed to talk to Representative Frenier and Andy Pomerantz who have expressed interest in the project. Dickson agreed to approach the Lebanon Coop for input and advice and also to approach Meg Canonica who has many years experience in running a market.

3. Tim updated the committee on his research into community grants. One potential idea would be seeking grant funding for a path from the school to the recreational field. Other potential grant ideas should be solicited and considered. It was agreed that the community potluck would be a good venue to generate ideas. A discussion was held about the community potluck idea from the last meeting and Dickson is going to aim for February 12th as a potential date although that date is rapidly approaching.

4. On the zoning bylaws, Dickson is supposed to make changes requested by the selectboard. On the flood hazard bylaws, they are waiting for the selectboard to schedule a town vote. It was discussed that a public information effort should be undertaken to explain the reasons why the flood hazard bylaws are needed (so that people in the village can keep / get mortgages).

5. TRORC has offered technical assistance for the development of energy-siting regulations to comply with Act 174. It was unanimously agreed that economic and community development was the priority of the planning commission and that as such the commission did not intend to undertake this project or apply for technical assistance at this time.

6. It was unanimously agreed that no action would be taken on the proposed subdivision regulations in Corinth or on any of the NRB/DRB reviews that were forwarded to the planning commission.

7. Neil agreed to update the information for planning commission members on the town website.

8. Ed's update on his meeting with Chris Saunders was tabled.

9. The October minutes were unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.