

**Chelsea Planning Commission
3/22/18
Minutes**

**Town Library
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Dickson Corbett, Tim Courts, Susan Hardin, Neil Kennedy, Ed Kuban

Public Present: Sarah Caouette, Bryden Bonasera, Susan Elder

Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Village Designation.** Chelsea's village area has a designated village and there is an application for that designation that needs to be renewed. A deadline exists on April 1st but TRORC has reported that a 90-day extension is available. Susan Elder will ask Maggie Kerrin to apply for the extension. After that, we need to go over the paperwork and past applications and update them for this application. Susan will email Dickson with the 2010 map, the 2010 study, and any other materials relevant to the application. At the next planning meeting scheduled for April 19th we will try to complete this application. It may also be helpful to review information from the listers.

2. **Bryden Bonasera Presentation.** Bryden Bonasera is a student at Vermont Tech. He is seeking to start an apprenticeship program at HEB Manufacturing and also a STEM program at the middle school. He spoke to the planning commission about his project and received enthusiastic support. Both HEB and the school are interested as well. If assistance with grant applications or similar assistance should become necessary, the planning commission invited Bryden to return and ask for help.

3. **Conservation Easement Application.** Vermont Land Trust wrote to the Selectboard and the Planning Commission to advise that a landowner in Chelsea is working with the Land Trust to place a permanent conservation easement on the Sauerwein property. A response from the planning commission was needed only if the planning commission felt like the project was in conflict with local planning and zoning. After reviewing the project, the planning commission voted unanimously that the project is not in conflict with local planning and zoning and that no response was needed.

4. **Grocery Store Meeting.** A community meeting on the proposal to develop a grocery store in Chelsea will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 21st at 7pm.

5. **Other Business.** Tim Courts provided an account of attending the open houses at the stores that are going up for auction. Sarah Caouette provided an update on the activities of the First Branch Community Collaborative.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.