

**Chelsea Planning Commission
11/16/17
Minutes**

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

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

Public Present: Carrie Caouette-DeLallo

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Discussion of next steps.** One possible next step is to consider, together with the selectboard, a property-tax incentive proposal that would encourage redevelopment of existing properties, perhaps by way of an agreement to freeze property taxes at the existing grand list value for a period of time after renovations occur. Dickson will follow up with the selectboard about discussing this issue early in the new year.

A discussion was held about state of the sidewalks downtown. Reference was made to similar work done in Bethel. Tim will look into whether there are any improvement grants available.

A discussion was held about organizing a brochure that would feature local businesses, possibly to include surrounding towns. An example was provided from the Northeast Kingdom and all were in favor of its appearance and function. The idea is to feature all kinds of local businesses including local retailers, local farms, local home occupations, etc.—any businesses desiring to enhance their marketing. Tim will follow up with local businesses, put out solicitations, etc.

A potluck will be held on Saturday, January 13th, at 5:00 p.m. Dickson will seek to reserve the town hall for this purpose. Carrie Caouette-DeLallo will be the lead organizer. An organizational meeting will be held on Thursday January 4th at 7:00 p.m., ideally in the town hall.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.