Plainfield Planning Commission Meeting

January 20 2020

Present: Will Colgan, Bram Towbin, Baylen Slote, and Jesse Cooper. Sarah Albert and Karen Storey attended as guests.

Agenda: Town Plan Revision and Map updates

Bram made the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Baylen seconded with the advice to send them out earlier in the week. The motion was approved. Bram has an updated version of the plan that he sent out. Bram met with Zak from the CVRPC and made a list of edits to incorporate into the draft. One question was about the use of old barns and how to promote it. The old plan said to promote it but there is nothing in the zoning. Sarah said she would find some language to put in the draft that would continue that idea. Bram said some of the enhanced energy information could go in as an appendix and that was agreed to. Karen pointed out that the fire tower on Spruce Mountain is actually in the historic preservation district which should be noted in the plan. Other items were discussed and whether they should be in as an appendix or in the narratives. With the new bridge proposal coming before the town Bram thought having as much information about the Great Brook in the narrative. Karen said keeping the plan a little easier to read and having the information available in an appendix would be an option. Some other edits and suggestions will be sent to Bram to incorporate into the draft. Bram noted that some of section numbers and pages are not different. There was discussion on how parking can be improved in the village while still using the outer parking lots. Changes to the road section were suggested and Bram said he would do some updating to that section.

There was discussion on the maps. Sarah had some additions to the conserved land maps for the Land Trust lands. Bram will ask for some of the changes to be made on the map. Karen pointed out that much of the area surrounding the village is Land Trust land and that limits how much development can take place near the village.

Bram suggested some language to mention the conflict in the draft.

Bram said suggestions and map changes should be done during the week and we meet next Monday at the Fire Station Meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting is Monday January 27th 2020 at the Fire Station meeting room.