

NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Elliott, Clark Curtis, Jennifer Leithead, Dan Ross, Woodman Page

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Ward, Pam Ladds

7:04 p.m. Chair Charles Elliott called the meeting to order. Clark Curtis moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting minutes with three small changes: a new paragraph to separate the approval of the meeting and hearing minutes, a typo correction and addition of the word "brief" in the second paragraph under "7:12". This was seconded by Dan Ross. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

7:07 p.m. MUNICIPAL PLAN HEARING UPDATE DISCUSSION.

Maps: the maps are all two years out of date. It is a major project to update and will large amounts of time, so the ZA will work on them and insert them into the plan as they are finished. In the meantime, the current maps will be used.

Flood resilience: Mr. Elliott added #17 in the Recommendations section, and changed the second heading in the appendix, as well changed the wording on p. 93 at the end of the first paragraph to read "will affect." Mr. Elliott also added the "Fluvial Erosion Hazard Area" section on the fifth page of the section.

Historic District: Mr. Page wrote a new section for the Introduction.

Schools: Mrs. Leithead changed the Newport City Elementary School section as suggested, including Safe Routes to School language, and added small sections for Sterling College and Green Mountain Farm to School.

Housing: The Age-Friendly City designation was moved to a new paragraph in the same location, and a sentence on Accessory Apartments was added.

Health: Mrs. Leithead added a section on the Vermont Department of Health, as well as references to NEKCA, NEKHS, and Community Organizations and Agencies.

Clark Curtis noted that the Water/Sewer section referenced maps and asked if they are correctly referenced. Mr. Elliott responded that he will keep any maps labeled the same if they are updated.

The Commission again discussed maps; NVDA has the zoning map and Designated Downtown maps on their website. Mr. Elliott showed a map of the Designated Downtown and historic district from several years ago, as well as a zoning map in color and black and

white. Mr. Elliott also reported on a conversation with the cartographic company about updating the maps; they now are working out a plan to update by using the cloud and a link to the city's website in the future.

Dan Ross made a motion to approve the plan as rewritten and send to the City Council for their review. Clark Curtis seconded the motion. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION**

7:50 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS. Clark Curtis asked what the Commission will work on next; they will address minor issues until the plan is approved by the Council, after which work on the bylaw will commence. A meeting with Derby is also needed; it is their turn to come here. The Historic Preservation Commission is also due to meet.

7:56 p.m. NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be February 3, 2015, at 7 pm in the City Council room.

8:00 p.m. Jennifer Leithead made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Woodman Page. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

Minutes taken and transcribed by Jennifer Leithead.

Approved: Chris A. Elliott Date: February 20, 2015