

**ALBURGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2022**

ATTENDEES: Donna Boumil, Terry Tatro, Carol Behrman, John Chesarek, Mo Theroet, Brian Tjelta

ABSENT: Tom Jacobsen, Renee Creller, Matthew LaFleur

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order 7:04PM by Chair Donna Boumil
2. **Adjustment to the agenda:** no adjustments
3. **Approval of minutes:**
Motion by Brian Tjelta to accept the minutes of February 22, 2022; Seconded by Carol Behrman
4. **Update on the MPG – wetland delineation**
A public meeting is set for March 29, 2022 at 6PM by NRPC (Northwest Regional Planning Commission) and TCE (Trudell Consulting Engineering) to apprise the public of the updates made in mapping of the proposed trails
5. **ARPA Funds – survey**
 - The ARPA Survey was discussed and whether or not the PC wants to complete the survey as a whole and provide it to the Selectboard. A decision was made not to complete as a commission.
 - Donna Boumil stated that the Selectboard is working on setting up dates for public meetings to discuss topics uses of the ARPA funds.
 - Suggestion that the ARPA Survey continue to be advertised on Front Page Forum, Facebook and the Town website
6. **Hunter Safety Zone –**
Carol provided an update on proposed Hunter Safety Zones
 - Carol spoke with people in North Hero to gather information on their Hunter Safety Zones. There is a “gentlemen’s agreement” with residents located near Pelot’s Bay regarding a hunter safety zone. Signs are posted, however there is no law, around houses. North Hero charges \$5.00 per sign. Signs are not located on the walking trails. Alburgh has Hunter Safety Zones but does not charge. It is not known if residents are aware of these signs which are located in the Town Clerk’s Office.
 - Mark Martin, who owns property along the Rec Trail, brought this to the PC for discussion. Mr. Martin is willing to provide Hunter Safety Zones along his property.
7. **PC Budget and account-**
 - VEC Grant (Vermont Electric Corporation): There is approximately \$425.70 left in the grant.

- Discussion ensued on how this money can be spent for beautification throughout the Town:
 - Signage for Bicentennial Park (Donna to look into pricing and speak to the Highway Foreman about installation of signs)
 - Benches (Mo has a supply of benches made)
 - Picnic tables
 - Planters (Carol will look into different types and prices)

8. Town Plan – objectives and goals

- Donna distributed copies of the objectives and goals to the PC for future discussion
- Terry suggested that the PC begin reviewing the objectives and goals
- The Town Plan expires in 2024, however it takes a great deal of time and effort to complete this plan

9. Correspondence-

No correspondence

10. Other Business:

- EV Charging Stations:
 - Discussion ensued regarding proposed sites for the charging stations which is a grant that Carol wrote on behalf of the PC with Selectboard permission.
 - Various sites are discussed: library, private property, Industrial Park Road, parking area located behind the Museum
 - The PC determined that the 2 top choices for recommendation for EV Charging Stations are:
 1. Industrial Park Road
 2. Firehouse Road – behind the museum located near the pole. Permission from the fire department will be needed as they own the property
 - The PC recommends writing a letter to the selectboard with their recommendation as stated above (Donna will send a letter to the selectboard)
- John Chesarek asked when the Industrial Development Corp is meeting to discuss the 90+ acre parcel for proposed trails and potential turning over of the land to the town. Terry stated that they are meeting next week
- Terry Tatro stated that the PC needs to elect officers at the next meeting. This is typically done the meeting after the Selectboard Organization Meeting.

11. Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:06PM by Brian Tjelta; Seconded by John Chesarek; carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Boumil, Chair