

## **Mendon Planning Commission Minutes February 5, 2018**

**Present:** Justin Lindholm, Fred Bagley, Neil Langer and Teri Corsones were present. Zoning Administrator Steve Cosgrove was also present for the beginning of the meeting. The draft minutes of January 8, 2018 were approved as written.

**State Representative James Harrison:** State Representative Jim Harrison came to the meeting to introduce himself and to offer his assistance in the Legislature. Representative Harrison is a member of the House Government Operations Committee. He discussed proposed amendments to Vermont's Open Meetings Law, and asked members their views about the law in general. Representative Harrison also discussed ideas regarding economic development in Mendon, and recommended the VOREC Steering Committee Report regarding outdoor recreation opportunities, referenced in his February 5 newsletter.

**Jones Boundary Line Adjustment:** Members reviewed materials Steve Cosgrove provided regarding a boundary line adjustment request under section 201.3 of the Mendon Subdivision Regulations. Cort Jones owns 45.6 acres on Cream Hill Road, and his parents Joe and Anne Jones own adjoining property comprising 50.16 acres. The request is to straighten out a short section of the mutual boundary line to render it straight. The request complies with section 201.3 requirements. The boundary line adjustment has been surveyed, and the survey will be recorded. Steve issued administrative permit approval in accordance with section 201.3.

**Municipal Planning Grant Application:** Elysa Smigielski from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission appeared to provide additional information about the Municipal Planning Grant that was approved by the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. She provided a draft Grant Agreement between the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Town of Mendon, which she will present to the Mendon Select Board for approval. Elysa discussed possible content for a short survey to be distributed at the upcoming Town Meeting. Possible questions include what types of new businesses residents would like to see in Mendon, what residents think about short-term rentals such as Air B & B's in their neighborhoods, what outdoor recreational opportunities they would like to encourage in Mendon, what they like about living in Mendon, and what could be improved in town. Elysa will forward a draft survey form to members for their review. She will ask Sara about the possibility of the survey being posted on the town website, or otherwise made available electronically to residents.

Plans for a town-wide pot-luck picnic at the Mendon Recreation Area during the summer months were also discussed, as an opportunity to gather input for the updated Town Plan. The Economic Development Section and Recreation Section of the Town Plan will be focal points of the update. Elysa will attend the March MPC meeting to continue the

MPG discussion. That meeting will be held one week later than the usual meeting date, because the first Monday in March falls on the Town Meeting date.

The next meeting of the Mendon Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Corsones