

**FAIRFAX PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Thursday, March 1, 2016**

**Members Present: Martha Varney, Mark Hunziker, Greg Heyer, Mark Kane, Richard Wimble**

**Public Present: Amber Soter, Zoning Administrator**

7:00 PM- **G. Heyer** called the meeting to order.

7:10 PM – **M. Hunziker** moved to approve the minutes from February 18, 2016; **M. Varney 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All in favor.

7:12 PM – Discussion about correspondence from Vermont Land Trust regarding an inquiry sent in 2015. **A. Soter** spoke to John Ramsay of the Farmland Access Program, Vermont Land Trust. He stated that when deciding which properties they approve to admit into the Land Trust program, Agricultural Soils and preventing Fragmentation hold the greatest weight. It also helps to insure that the farm stays a farm. They obtain an option on the farm to help that it goes to other farmers or family members when sold. The Vermont Land Trust offered to attend a Planning Commission meeting and go over any questions. The Planning Commission may have them attend a meeting.

7:23 PM – **A. Soter** presented correspondence from Leon Beliveau. **M. Kane** made a motion stating that we received the following letters in 2016 dated; January 14, 2016; January 25, 2016, January 30, 2016; February 10, 2016; February 16, 2016; February 23, 2016; February 26, 2016; February 27, 2016; February 28, 2016; and February 29, 2016 and they will be passed on to the Selectboard and Town Attorney. **M. Varney 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All in favor.

7:26 PM – Discussion about the Request for Proposal for the Municipal Planning Grant. **M. Kane** recused himself and stepped out of the conference room.

7:35 PM – **M. Varney** made a motion to accept the Request for Proposal as written. **M. Hunziker 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All in favor. **A. Soter** will get the request to Amanda Holland at the Northwest Regional Planning Commission for distribution.

7:37 PM – **M. Kane** rejoined the meeting. Discussion about the Energy Committee and the current applicants. We need to have 3 applicants in order to move forward with the Committee.

7:44 PM – Additional discussion on the list of proposed amendments to the Development Regulations. Discussion about “household” to replace “Family” and where that occurred in the Regulations. Discussion on sidewalks that lead to nowhere; if neighborhood connects to master plan, connection should be required; as well as sidewalk easements and standards. Discussion about having a map with the sidewalk master plan on it for easy enforcement. **A. Soter** will request from Selectboard.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on **Tuesday March 15, 2016 at 7:00PM**. Continued discussion of proposed Development Regulations.

8:51 PM- **M. Hunziker** moved to adjourn; **M. Varney 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Soter, Zoning Administrator, Planning and DRB Assistant

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
For the Planning Commission

*These draft minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.*