

## FAIRFAX PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday April 7, 2015

**Members Present:** G. Heyer, M. Hunziker, Mark Kane, R. Wimble

**Public Present:** Kevin Russell, Amanda Holland, Denise Zang, Janet Geer, Susan Mitchell, James Corbin, Karen Hebert, Skip Taylor, ZA

**7:06PM- G. Heyer** called the meeting to order.

**Amanda Holland** of Northwest Regional Planning Commission introduced the study and introduced **Kevin Russell** of Community Development Services and his participation with the Fairfax North-South Pedestrian Connector Scoping Study.

**K. Russell** began by presenting the results of the feasibility study. The presentation covered the purpose and need to connect the North and South Villages and what the study results are. The public was given handouts of the proposed segments and a destination map. A copy of the handout along with a copy of the presentation will be in the Zoning Office for viewing.

Throughout the presentation and at the end of the presentation there was general discussion on safety and concerns.

Some of the safety concerns were high traffic speeds, ADA standards, snow management and removal, creating traffic calming features such as signage, radar speed activated warning signals, and a possible cross walk. The majority of the public comment addressed sidewalk maintenance and plowing as well as the status of the proposed sidewalks and sidewalk fixing in relation to the Town's Master Sidewalk Plan.

It was determined that this project is a feasible distance for foot traffic and would increase pedestrian safety along the proposed route.

Different funding options were discussed to include the Bicycle & Pedestrian Program and Pedestrian Alteration Fund. The Town's contribution is estimated at 10-20% of the job total and the plan can be chosen to be fully adopted as a whole or by segments. It is suggested by **Kevin Russell** that the Segment #3 would be the easiest and Segment to implement first.

The public also suggested having a walking tour with the Planning Commission, Select Board and Public to tour the sidewalks in Village and inspect their quality and safety.

**8:36PM- M. Kane** moved that to schedule a meeting with the Select Board and the Planning Commission to discuss Pedestrian Mobility and the Sidewalk Master Plan and it's status and how this study can be integrated into the Master Plan. **M. Hunziker** 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

It was discussed to see if the Select Board could attend either the May 5<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Planning Commission.

**8:54PM- M. Kane** briefly talked on an update on Solar Array Siting Standards from another town and how they were deemed Zoning and that we need to focus on documenting what is important to our town.

**9:07 PM - M. Hunziker** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting. **R. Wimble** 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**9:08 PM - M. Kane** moved to adjourn. **R. Wimble** 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

The Next Planning Commission Meeting will be on April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a driving tour to visit scenic vistas to begin drafting our scenic resource list. A list of the locations that will be visited will be available on April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend, the Planning Commission is meeting at 6:30 that evening in the Town Office Parking Lot.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Soter  
Planning & Zoning Assistant

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Planning Commission

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