

Monkton Planning Commission - Addison County Regional Planning Commission – Local Government Committee/Energy Committee Joint Public Hearing – Monkton, Vermont

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Members Present: Shannon Haggett – Local Gov’t Chair, Jeremy Grip – Energy Chair, Jim Pulver, Rich Warren, Karl Neuse, Cheryl Brinkman

Also Present: Katie Raycroft-Meyer – ACRPC staff, Marilyn Cargil – MPC, Gayle Chellis Grim – MPC, Wendy Sue Harper – MPC, Ivor Hughes – MPC, Lee Mahony – MPC, Stephen Pilcher - MSB

Shannon Haggett called the Joint Public Hearing to order at 7:10 p.m via Zoom. He briefly introduced attending members of the Local Government and Energy Committees. He then provided a brief overview of the process for the Public Hearing and for the review of Monkton’s Municipal Development Plan and Enhanced Energy Plan.

Shannon Haggett asked Katie Raycroft-Meyer to provide an overview of the staff review, which she did. It was noted the plan is a well-written, in-depth and thorough document that meets all state requirements. No formal recommendations were submitted.

Shannon Haggett then opened the floor for questions and comments from committee members. ACRPC and MPC members discussed the format and readability of the plan, pursuing Village Center designation for the Monkton Ridge area, complete streets projects, garnering public input during the planning process, challenges faced by all our communities, establishment and growth of an energy fund, sand and gravel extraction for town use and other details of plan sections including the Enhanced Energy Plan.

No other questions or comments were presented.

Shannon Haggett asked the Monkton Planning Commission if they needed anything from the ACRPC in terms of additional support, training or the like. Commission members responded that ACRPC staff and members have been very responsive and helpful. They noted Kevin Behm’s assistance with mapping was indispensable and Adam Lougee’s guidance in the formulation of the Enhanced Energy Plan was major. Wendy Sue Harper stated the town may pursue establishment of a “Town Forest” and she wondered if ACRPC might be able to assist in that.

Jeremy Grip made a motion that the Local Government and Energy Committees recommend to the full Addison County Regional Planning Commission, confirmation of the planning process of the town of Monkton and to regionally approve Monkton’s Town Plan and Enhanced Energy Plan. Cheryl Brinkman seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Shannon Haggett noted the recommendation to the full commission would occur at the next full commission meeting scheduled for July 8th, 2020.

With no other business, Shannon Haggett closed the hearing at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Haggett – Chair, Local Government Committee