

**Johnson Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Nov 10, 2015**

Planning Commission members in attendance: David Butler, Kim Dunkley, Brian Boyden, David Bergh, Phil Wilson, Paul Warden. Other attendees: Seth Jensen (LCPC), Lea Kilvadyova

1. Call to order

David Butler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Review of minutes from meetings past

David Bergh moved and Phil Wilson seconded the motion to approve the amended meeting minutes from October 13, 2015. The motion passed.

3. Energy chapter of the plan

Lea presented the updated draft of the energy chapter for the Commission's review. The Commission reviewed the updates and asked for an additional change:

- Kim asked to reword the following policy: "Encourage energy conservation through infill and redevelopment of existing buildings/properties". She felt that infill/redevelopment projects in our community have not always demonstrated themselves as energy efficient. Lea will work on this.

David Butler asked the Commission whether it was important to prioritize the policies/tasks in the plan. After a brief discussion, no decision was made regarding the prioritizing.

4. Education chapter of the plan

The Commission reviewed the presented draft. Lea said that the JES School Board chair Katie Orost and principal David Manning both reviewed the chapter.

- Kim asked to add language that would make it clear that the Green Mountain Tech Center offers adult education courses.
- Kim said that the educational programs at the public library should be added to the listing of education opportunities.
- David Butler wondered whether the plan should mention the fact that Johnson has the highest special education needs in the state which has a big impact on the school budget.

5. Recreation chapter of the plan

Lea said that she would like to enlist the Recreation Committee's help in drafting the chapter. JPC members made the following comments at the meeting:

- Mention that the school now has a playground for preschoolers.
- Add an implementation task in support of developing access points to the rivers.
- Add a task to create and maintain access to all municipal recreational resources.
- Add a task to improve signage to municipal recreation resources.
- David Bergh provided a written input with information about JSC's recreational offerings.

6. Form Based Code meetings

Lea said she would like to get a sense of how the scheduling of form based code meetings with town committees is going. She said that tomorrow, David Grozinsky is meeting with the Historical Society. Kim said that the Library Trustees would like to hear from the Commission on January 2nd. Kim cannot go on that date and is looking for somebody to step in. Lea said that she tried scheduling with the School Board and the Board was not interested in discussing this subject during their meeting. David Bergh said that Johnson Works offered to meet in January. Brian Boyden said that the fire chief is happy to help disseminate the info and encourage fire dept members to attend FBC meetings but did not think that a fire department meeting was a platform to discuss.

Regardless of how many meetings are held with the town committees, Lea thought that the Planning Commission should schedule their own meetings and invite the public. December 5th was discussed as a potential date for such a meeting. This could be a day-long meeting during which JPC members, and hopefully Form Based Code Committee members, rotate in and out and answer questions for people who will come in to view the code. Lea will send an email to JPC and FBC Committee to see who may be available to be a part. Dec 1st was suggested as a date for an organizational meeting.

7. Follow up to the river corridor presentation

David Butler asked whether the Commission would be willing to entertain the idea of inviting Johnson's legislative representatives to a meeting and express concern over the legislation for the river corridors. Seth offered to forward a letter that the LCPC wrote to ANR detailing the LCPC's concerns about the river corridor concept.

8. Correspondence

The correspondence review included a discussion about a letter of interest from Charles Gallanter to serve on the Planning Commission. David Bergh suggested tabling the discussion until the next month since some Commissioners haven't had a chance to review the letter prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.