

JOHNSON PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting: THURS, 14 SEP 2023, 7PM EDT

In person at Jenna's House, 117 St. John's street

Called to Order at 7:10PM

Changes & Public Comment - None

Roll call: PRESENT: Adrienne, Charles, Kyle, Paul. ABSENT: David, Kim, Rob

Housekeeping:

- Approval of Minutes from 10 and 17 Aug 2023 meetings: Kyle moved approval of both sets of minutes, Adrienne seconded. No discussion, passed unanimously (Charles abstained from the 8/17 as he did not attend).
- Mail

Chair / Member Updates – Chair:

- Lamoille FiberNet was awarded their Construction Grant by VCBB, so construction of the network will begin in 2023. Charles asked about protections in case Fidium/Consolidated do not live up to expectations. The Chair explained financial protections in the terms for the construction phase, network operational performance and customer service, as well as the possibilities of sale of assets (contract term survive sale or transfer), etc. Also discussed that the network build will start in 2024; it is way too soon to be asking when can I get service.
- The Chair also announced the NRBC grant awarded to Johnson, \$862k for infrastructure in the light industrial park. Adrienne announced the LVRT Committee is meeting this month after temporarily suspension due to the flooding.

Review of Town Plan Chapters

- **Transportation** – The group reviewed and discussed the edits Meghan had made to the Transportation chapter based on last meetings comments. Some minor adjustments were made to remove outdated cost information, reflect projects now completed, to include mention of the LVRT Committee, etc. and to add pursuit of Level 3 charging stations and passage of the drafted Class IV policy as Implementation Recommendations.
- **Public Services and Community Facilities** – The group presented their comments on the initial draft of the PS/CF chapter. Edits were proposed to reference current information and strengthen concern regarding repeated flooding of municipal buildings (wastewater treatment plant, municipal building, library, post office), add commentary regarding the draft water and sewer line extension policy as well as the need for storm drain infrastructure improvements, etc. Under Emergency Management and Planning, it was noted that the Local Emergency Operations Plan on the Town website is outdated and needs to be replaced with the current LEOP (now called the Local

Emergency Management Plan, LEMP, in state parlance). It was also noted that the Town's two Emergency Operations Centers (Municipal Building and Fire Station) are immediately adjacent and perhaps one should be strategically relocated. Other minor edits were made to bring the chapter current.

- Education – Not addressed.

Motion to Adjourn: Kyle moved, Charlie seconded, all in favor. Adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Next Meeting: 10/26 at the Butternut Farms Store, Main Street

(Item for next meeting: JPC recommendation to SB for Form Based Code Administrator [has been the Town Administrator]. New Town Administrator, Tom Galinat (formerly Peacham Town Clerk and Treasurer), started work for Johnson on Monday Sept 11, 2023.).