

Montgomery Planning Commission Minutes
The Public Safety Bldg.
August 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Alissa Hardy, Barry Kade, Joe Sherman, Roberta Baker and Kenny Miller. Taylor Newton, NWRP, and Ellen Fox, Zoning Administrator.

Alissa called the meeting to order at 6:04.

Moved by Barry Kade and seconded by Roberta Baker to move Taylor Newton from NWRP to the top of the agenda to review our municipal plan. Motion was approved by unanimous vote. Taylor went over Municipal Planning Grant Program description which is offered to all municipalities up to \$22,000 of which a 10% local match is required. It can be used for a variety of projects as outlined in program overview in the FY2019 Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) Description.

Taylor then went over our municipal plan and its effectiveness in implementing Vermont's statutory goals. He went over strengths, weaknesses and opportunities (see below). The PC then discussed short and long term goals. Taylor asked if we needed any type of training dealing with planning that might help us. If there is anything we need help with, we just need to let him know. Overall, NWRP is there to help if there are any questions.

Alissa reminded Taylor about the Municipal Determination Standards Report that needed to be completed soon. He will look into it tomorrow and get back to her.

Moved by Alissa Hardy and seconded by Kenny Miller to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018, adding that Barry was present at the meeting. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Joe brought up the issue again about accessibility of the Trout River to the public. Ellen Fox Wild & Scenic River Program Designation as a resource - Lindsey Whight of Missiquoi River Basin Assn. possible contact person. Concerns such as parking and safety were also discussed.

Roberta mentioned an email that Christina had sent her about changes after the zoning changes were warned. These were looked at and discussed.

Moved by Barry Kade seconded by Roberta Baker to suspend the meeting at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the public hearing. Approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting reconvened at 7:28

Further changes discussed during the meeting were:

Pg. 4, Line 33 cross out after the word "schedule" - cross out "prepared by the MPC and". Add another sentence saying, "Upon request of the Selectboard the MPC shall propose a schedule.

Pg. 5, Line 8 - Sentence 1 should read as follows: "Written notification, by first class mail, to the applicant and to the owners of all properties adjoining the property subject to development, including those separated by a right of way, which includes..."

Pg. 6, Line 14 and 15 - Strike the second sentence in red. It is a repeat.

Pg. 6, Line 46 add (1) at the end of the statute. Should be 4464(b)(1).

Pg. 16 - Line 6 - 4.1(A)(1)(e) yard sales...replace "successive" with "consecutive"

Pgs. 18, 19, 20, 21, 48 & 70 Permitted Uses: a."dwelling accessory" should be "accessory dwelling" in each case.

Pgs. 18, 19, 20, 21, 48 & 70 add to Minimum Lot Dimensions - g) See (Section 4.3(A)(2) for corner lots.

Pg. 27, Line 18 after "pursuant" add the word "to"

Pg.43, Lines 20 and 26 the word "involved" should be "created"

Pg. 48, Line 5 Move definition for Accessory Dwelling" to: "Accessory Dwelling" - An efficiency, one bedroom apartment, or accessory structure, that is clearly subordinate to a single family dwelling and has facilities and provisions for independent living, including sleeping, food preparation, and sanitation. The owner may occupy either unit.

Pg. 48, Line 10 change "B)" Line 10 to "A)."

Pg. 71, Line 9 add "pumped" after the words "Sales to"

Moved by Alissa and seconded by Roberta to add the additional changes above to the proposed zoning amendments and to present the warned changes with these change to the Selectboard. Motion was approved by unanimous vote. (4-0) Joe left at 7:50.

Moved by Roberta and seconded by Alissa to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Baker
Secretary

Municipality: Montgomery	Date of Plan Adoption: 2/15/16 (Amend 7/2/18)
MONTGOMERY TOWN PLAN CONTEXT	
Montgomery has a long history of municipal planning and has had a municipal plan since 1974. The community has been active in updating the plan in subsequent years and accompanying development regulations.	
Major Findings	
The following relates to the effectiveness with which the plan implements Vermont's statutory planning goals.	
Strengths – What aspects of the town plan are most effective?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plan contains an extensive community profile on which to base the Town Plan. - The Economy and Natural Resources chapters are thorough and provide a rational basis for town goals and policies. - The Town Plan includes an enhanced energy plan. - The Volunteer Community Groups section of the plan is uncommon, but is a great resource for municipal residents. 	
Weaknesses – What aspects of the town plan are least effective?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The public facilities section could be improved. There could be additional information included about hospitals. There could also be more information about need, costs and method of financing for public facilities. - The compatibility chapter could be improved by the addition on some language regarding development trends. It could also be enhanced by providing more specificity about how the plan is compatible with the Regional Plan. - Does not provide enough specificity in regards to scenic resources that should be protected. 	
Opportunities – What would make the town plan more effective?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest Integrity element could be added in the future (new statutory requirement). - Integrating the maps into the plan may make them more useful to readers. - "Responsible parties" could be included for each implementation step in the implementation plan. So could a prospective timeline in which each implementation item could be accomplished. 	

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