

Montgomery Planning Commission Minutes
The Public Safety Bldg.
December 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Alissa Hardy, Roberta Baker, Barry Kade, and Kenny Miller. Ellen Fox by phone.

Alissa called the meeting to order at 6:09.

Moved by Alissa Hardy and seconded by Kenny Miller to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Add to the agenda Ellen Fox's ZA review. Discussion about who is going to do the review. Barry will be the representative for the planning committee.

Trails Update: Joe had written an email about Tim Tiernay, Kingdom Trails, can help us with access and legal rights and will be willing to meet with him at a planning commission. Will invite him to our February meeting which February 12th in order for Joe to have time to invite the rec committee. Pedestrian safety traffic - walking trail is the focus of Montgomery Thrives. It would be great if Joe wanted to be part of this task force as a member of the planning committee. Will discuss this with him.

Better Connections Grant - The Selectboard is not pursuing this grant. Too much is going on. Will not do it this time around.

Montgomery Thrives Update - The group broke into three Task Forces and made action plans and lists of groups with whom to work with. The Montgomery Wastewater Committee is currently doing a survey of septic systems. The Village Center Pedestrian Task Force and the Broadband Committee will begin their meetings soon.

Ellen Fox - Act 143 - Statewide - More consistency - Farm Retail Marketing - Accessory on farm business only from goods where up to 50% of the product needs to come from that farm - This is statewide to promote recreational or social events. This needs to be added to by-laws at some point and promote it. Barry will send a copy of Act 143, and it will be put in our Google folder <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Afb5zgVcfcQlsX8YqzDZwaT-5PXCJ2BJ>.

Ellen also mentioned the fee schedule. There is fine print language that until you pay the fee - nothing is started. The initial fee needs to be collected and then if it goes to DRB then submit the additional fee must be submitted.

Question about zoning permit fee for keeping track of fees for agricultural practice. Is there a fee required? Should you have to pay with no permit? However, since this has to be recorded with the town, should there be a fee? Future buyers also want to know if buildings are in compliance. This is only for agriculture structures - no municipal permits are required. Just a \$10 recording fee. Barry said we should be really specific as far as the definition of what is considered agriculture structures.... Ellen will get specifics from other towns to see what they are doing and come back to next month's meeting with some specifics.

Alissa did go to the meeting on our Energy Compliance Chapter where she was told that it looked good; there will be another meeting sometime this month to do the final approval.

No other business.

Items for future agenda:

- Trails Update - J.Sherman
- Taste of Montgomery Revival - B.Kade
- Montgomery Thrives Update
- Agricultural Permit Fees? - E.Fox

Moved by Barry and seconded by Alissa to adjourn the meeting at 7:09. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Baker
Secretary