Fair Haven Planning Commission
Special Hearing
Town of Fair Haven
January 20, 2016

Present: George Stannard – Chair, David Eighmey – Vice Chair, Dani Roberts – Clerk
Kevin Durkee, Paul Jardine
Others: John Lulek, Judy Sheldon, Bob Richards, Herb Durfee
Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

New Business: Hearing to adopt the Town Plan.
George Stannard opened the hearing and thanked Elysa Smigielski from Rutland Regional Planning Commission for her assistance. David Eighmey added that we had the go ahead from the RRPC meeting the previous night (1/19/16).
George opened the floor for comments. Judy Sheldon thanks the commission for their work and asked about the water issues. Namely looking for a secondary water supply. Dani Roberts stated that she had talked to Peter Laramie (chief wastewater operator) about this and he stated that many years ago the town did some test drilling and they were unable to locate a suitable town supply. Judy also asked about Sheldon Pond and the commission was unable to answer that question.
Bob Richards asked about the town population and that it appeared to be noted differently in different sections. Dani Roberts said she would recheck her sources. He also asked about the Future *Land Use Map*. He wanted to make sure it reflected the correct designation for the Colvin Rd area. A colored map could not be located but Dani Roberts assured him that it was correct. The map is available for inspection at the town office during regular business hours.
George read an email from Liz Royer Source Protection Specialist Vermont Rural Water Association with the following comments:
Based on what I can read (minus the gray boxes), it looks like there will not have to be any changes to the Town Plan. The items and discrepancies I noted previously have been corrected or removed in this update. There are still some lingering planning/zoning issues for the source protection area, but I think these items can be dealt with outside of the Town Plan process:

- Discrepancy in size of Watershed Zoning District vs. Source Protection Area
- Clarification on definition and restrictions within the Watershed District
- Methods to increase patrol and enforcement of restricted activities in SPA
- Clarification of both the Water Shed Protection Policy (1995) and Water Shed Protection Ordinance (1999) – are both still in effect?

Herb Durfee gave the Commission a list as follows:
Action Items to consider for the draft Town Plan:
1. Re-obtain Village, or obtain Downtown, Designation.
2. Work with REDC.
3. Foster public/private partnerships (e.g., apply for public infrastructure funding to help with fire code safety and pedestrian accessibility to the 2nd floor Opera House).
4. Partner with area colleges.
5. Lighting in the Park.
6. Conduct infrastructure improvements, as needed.
7. Promote recreation programs of all ages and other activities that make Fair Haven more desirable to live in.
8. Clean-up building facades (e.g., with grants).
9. Apply for low and moderate-income funding for home improvements.

Herb Durfee said he would like corrections made to the Town Plan before it moved on to the Select board, a fairly lengthy and sometimes heated discussion ensued.

Kevin Durkee commented that the RRPC looked favorably on this plan and felt that delaying its adoption was not in the best interest of the town. David Eighmey felt that the commission should take another look at the plan and make additions to it before it went to the selectboard.
Dani Roberts made the motion to pass forward the town plan as it stands to the selectboard, Kevin Durkee seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1, David Eighmey dissenting.

Hearing adjourned 7:50 P.M.

Next scheduled meeting 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle L. Roberts, Clerk