

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
SELECTMEN'S HALL – 96 MAIN STREET – THIRD FLOOR
SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017 @ 6:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

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A. **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING:** First Review/Reading of the proposed 2017 Springfield Town Plan. The Selectboard is seeking public input on proposed updates and changes. Public Hearing started at 6:02 PM.

The Selectboard Members and the citizens at the Public Hearing went through each of the fourteen, (14), chapters of the proposed 2017 Town Plan questioning the meaning of items or proposing changes. Chair, Kristi Morris, reminded everyone to be considerate, to provide their name and to speak to the Selectboard. Selectboard Member, Walter Martone, noted for the record that he had noted punctuation and spelling errors and submitted them to the Administrative Officer, William Kearns. A.O. Kearns noted the proposed 2017 Town Plan consisted of 147 pages and thought this would be a good way to handle punctuation and spelling errors.

Chair Morris explained the process for Public Hearings.

- Two, (2), or more Public Hearings are required.
- If the Selectboard wishes to make substantial changes, (does not include typos, spelling errors or punctuation), the Selectboard would do so often the Public Hearing. Then at the next regular Selectboard Meeting, they would discuss and adopt the changes through MOTIONS and return the proposed 2017 Town Plan to the Planning Commission for review and comment. When the Planning Commission has finished their review and has commented the proposed 2017 Town Plan would be sent back to the Selectboard. The Selectboard must re-publish the Public Hearing Notice and have at least two, (2), more Public Hearings.
- If the Selectboard does not make substantial changes, the hearing is closed and a second Public Hearing date and time are set. The Selectboard would be able to adopt the proposed 2017 Town Plan at the next regular Selectboard Meeting, which could be after the Public Hearing.

Selectboard Review of the Proposed 2017 Town Plan:

<u>Chapter 1, Introduction</u> <u>Purpose, Vision Statement and Process.</u>	No suggested changes.
<u>Chapter 2, Historic and Cultural Resources</u> <u>Historic Sites and Structures, Parker Hill Rural Historic District,</u> <u>Stellafane, Archaeological Features, Cultural Resources and Events,</u> <u>Goals and Objectives.</u>	No suggested changes.
<u>Chapter 3, Natural and Scenic Resources</u> <u>Surface Water.</u>	Discussion took place.

Chair Morris, Pg. 10, First Paragraph – What was the reason for selecting the northeastern part of town when talking about surface water? A.O. Kearns stated it was because the northeastern part drains directly into the Connecticut River.

Chair Morris, Pg. 11, Third Paragraph – Chair Morris commented that he didn't realize the Town had adopted a Riverfront Protection Overlay District. A.O. Kearns confirmed that was true and the Town had the Overlay Maps, which included the setbacks requirements based on elevation.

Point and Nonpoint Source Pollution,

Chair Morris, Pg. 12, Second Paragraph, Last Sentence. Chair Morris commented that he was struggling with the wording of this sentence. Selectboard Member, Walter Martone, had previously submitted a suggestion to A.O. Kearns that there were missing words in this sentence. There is a possibility the sentence should read as follows: *The upgraded plant increases treatment capacity to 2.4 million galls per day and also increases the use for organic treatment.*

Wetlands, Vernal Pools,

Groundwater Resources,

Chair Morris, Pg. 14, Third Paragraph. This paragraph refers to the Springfield Reservoir, which is located in Weathersfield. Chair Morris wanted to know if there was any wording in the paragraph that would prevent the Town of Springfield from breaching the reservoir. He also noted there are no plans in place to do so. A.O. Kearns stated there were not any restrictions.

Resource Lands, Agricultural Resources,
Forest Resources,

Urban Forest Resources,

Walter Martone, Pg. 16, inquired if there was such a group as “Friends of Trees”. A.O. Kearns confirmed there was; the group was organized in 2001 as part of the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Land Enrolled in Current Use, Critical Habitat Areas,

Deer Wintering Areas,

Walter Wallace, Planning Commission Chair and Resident, Pg. 17, Last Paragraph – Mr. Wallace noted there were not any Natural Resources Maps. There was a suggestion to change the first sentence into two sentences. *The boundaries of existing winter deer yards have been mapped by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. (See the Natural Resources Map in the Appendix), but are subject to change due to fluctuations in environmental conditions.*

Contiguous Forestland and Travel Corridors,

Invasive Species,

Selectboard Member, Peter MacGillivray, requested that “Wild Parsnip” be added under Invasive Species.

Air Quality.

Chair Morris, Pg. 19, First Paragraph – Chair Morris wanted to make sure that biomass was listed in this paragraph because of the current biomass plants already in Town, such the Springfield High School and Elm Hill School. A.O. Kearns stated the topic was covered. He also went on to comment the State of Vermont has restrictions, but it doesn’t keep biomass out of Town.

Noise and Light Pollution,

Mineral Resources,

Chair Morris, Pg. 19, Last Paragraph, First Sentence – Chair Morris did not care for the word “might” in the sentence. *Springfield **might** have deposits of mineral resources of varying size and quality.* A.O. Kearns stated that he couldn’t speak for the Planning Commission, but would note the concern.

Conservation Commission, Goals,
and Objectives.

Chapter 4, Recreation

No suggested changes.

Shared Facilities, Recreation Property and Facilities, Recreation Trails, Parks, Connecticut River Access, Black River, Community Gardens and Other Neighborhood Projects, Private Recreation Facilities, The Library and Library Services, Festivals and Races, Goals, and Objectives.

Chapter 5, Housing

No suggested changes.

Housing Types, Seasonal Housing, Assisted Housing, Elderly and Handicapped Accessible Housing, Homeless Housing, Congregate Housing, Springfield Housing Authority, Wages and Income, Housing Needs in Springfield, Neighborhood Needs, Goals, Objectives.

Chapter 6, Education

Information of change from A.O. W. Kearns

All-4-One for K – 8 Students, K through 12th Grade, Home Schooling, Implications of Acts 60 and 68 for Springfield Schools, Implications of Act 46 for Springfield Schools, Higher Education and Technical Training, Howard Dean Education Center, River Valley Technical Center (RVTC), River Valley Workforce Investment Board, Vermont Technical College, Community College of Vermont, Johnston State External Degree Program, World of Discovery III, Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative (VTVLC), UVM at HDEC, Childcare – Public Pre-School, Local Adult Avocational Seminars, Classes and Workshops, Goals, Childcare – Public Pre-School, Education, Objectives, Childcare, and Education.

A. O. Kearns and George McNaughton, Former Ex-Officio, PC Member and Resident, really wanted the Selectboard to know that a lot of the “Advertising” had been removed from Chapter 6, Education. The RVTC, the Springfield High School, the Community Colleges and the Superintendent worked very hard to clean up this chapter.

Chapter 7, Transportation

Discussion took place

Public Works Facility,

Roads and Bridges,

Chair Morris, Pg. 50, First Paragraph and next Chart – Chair Morris would like to see consistency when using the Road Classifications. Use Class I, Class II and Class III, not Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3.

Condition Assessment, Drainage Structures,

Traffic Congestion,

Chair Morris, Pg. 53, First Paragraph after Item #4 -- He would like to see the first sentence re-worded. The sentence is too long.

Scenic Roads, Exit 7 Interstate Interchange, Park and Ride, Parking, Downtown, Signage, E-911, Public Transit,

Bike and Pedestrian Facilities,

Chair Morris, Pg. 57, First Paragraph, Last Sentence – Instead of “a couple million dollars”, he would like the approximate dollar value inserted.

Rail Service, Air Service,

Hartness Airport,

Peter MacGillivray, Pg. 58, First Paragraph – He pointed out that the Hartness Airport’s runway is 5,501 feet, not 5,498.

Peter MacGillivray, Pg. 58, Third Paragraph – He pointed out that Celtic Air is no longer used. The name should be changed to Aero Photo.

Access Management,

Transportation System Needs,

Chair Morris, Pg. 60 & 61, the Implementation Matrix – The first column should be wider to accommodate the double-digit numbers.

Goals, and Objectives.

Chapter 8, Utilities and Facilities

Discussion took place.

Municipal Facilities, Town Hall,
Police Department, Fire/Ambulance Department,
Community Center, Library, Public Works Facility,

Wastewater Treatment Facilities,

Chair Morris, Pg. 66, Fifth Paragraph, Second Sentence – the noted correction should be removed, ~~should be~~.

Sewer Mains, Stormwater System, Public
Drinking Water System, Solid Waste
Management, Household Hazardous Waste,
Parks/Public Lands, Cemeteries, Equipment,
Public Utilities, Wireless Communication Facilities,
Other Governmental and Private Facilities, Goals,
and Objectives.

Chapter 9, Energy

Information of change
from A.O. W. Kearns

Springfield’s Energy History, Electricity
Suppliers, Home Heating, Transportation,
Alternative Energy Resources, Wind, Solar,
General Considerations, Biomass, Hydro-Electric,
Energy Conservation and Efficiency, Energy and
Land Use Patterns, The Energy Committee,
Changing Legislative Standards, Goals, and
Objectives.

Walter Wallace, PC Chair and Resident, - Mr. Wallace questioned #11 of the Objectives. In the first sentence a “(b)” is referred to. Selectboard Member, Walter Martone, explained the “(b)” should be replaced with (10) from the previous line.

A.O. Kearns shared that all of Chapter 9, Energy will be re-written to accommodate “Act 174” to expand on the basic requirements for regional energy planning.

Chapter 10, Economic Development
Introduction,

Discussion took place.

Present Economic Conditions,

Chair Morris, Pg. 86 & 87 – He pointed out that Table 10-4 Employment Numbers and Wages by Sector, 2014. The Table should be on one page and be in a chart formation.

Economic Development Resources,

Strengths,

Chair Morris, Pg. 87 - He wanted clarification about #3 “Available, affordable and high speed telecommunications” and #12 “Access to high speed internet through Vermont Telecommunications Fiber”.

George McNaughton, former Ex-Officio, Member of PC and Resident, explained it was necessary to have both mentioned because #3 referred to telecommunications and #12 was just the high speed internet.

Weaknesses, Desired Future Economic Conditions,

Overall Vision for Springfield

Selectboard Member, Walter Martone, questioned if the Town wanted to have three, (3), Vision Statement. He just wanted to bring that to the Selectboard’s attention, but doesn’t want to hold up the process of the proposed 2017 Town Plan.

Chair Morris, Pg. #89, Fourth Paragraph, Last Sentence – He questioned the meaning of the sentence and request a better sentence be drafted.

Downtown: Central Business Area,
Clinton Street Industrial Area, One Hundred
River Street and Plaza Commercial Area,
106/Black River Commercial Area,
Airport Commercial Area, Precision Park,
Correctional Center Industrial Park,
I-91 Interchange, Meeting Waters,
Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Businesses,
Rural Areas, Special Considerations, Health
and Rehabilitation Industry, The Black River
within Developed Portions of Springfield,
Goals and Objectives.

Chapter 11, Land Use

Discussion took place.

Historic Drivers of Land Use in Springfield,

Richard Andrews, resident, Pg. 100, Second Paragraph that Fort #4 should actually be referred to as “the Fort at #4.

Existing Land Use, Agricultural, Forest
Resources, Conservation, Downtown Mixed
Use & Mixed Use, High-Density, Medium
Density, and Rural Residential, Industrial &
Commercial/Light Industrial, Interchange,
Institutional, Recent Land Use Trends,
Historic and Archeological Resources,
Future Directions, Smart Growth,
Growth Centers, Design and Site Plan Review,
Access to and Protection of the Black and
Connecticut Rivers, Protection of Scenic Views
and the Night Sky, Interstate 91, Exit 7 Interchange
Area, Using the Future Land Use Map, Categories,
Special Considerations in all Land Use Categories,
Goals, and Objectives

Chapter 12, New Flood Resilience

No suggested changes

Purpose, Background, Past Implementation
Efforts, Hazard Areas, Flood Hazard,
Dam Failure, Fluvial Erosion Hazard
Areas/River Corridors, Areas of Local Concern,
Designated Areas to be Protected, Policies and
Strategies, Goals, Policies, and Strategies.

A. O. Kearns commented this was a new required chapter for the proposed 2017 Town Plan.

Chapter 13, Health

No suggested changes

Definition, Qualities of Good Health, Current Assets, Aim for Vigorous Healthy Living, Framework for a Healthy Community, Socialization and Social Services, Goals, and Policy Objectives.

A. O. Kearns commented this was new chapter for the proposed 2017 Town Plan.

Chapter 14, Implementation and Relationship to Other Plans

No suggested changes

Plan Implementation, Relationship to Local and Regional Plans, Neighboring Towns, and Springfield's Role in the Region.

Chair Morris asked for comments from the public.

Walter Wallace, PC Chair and Resident, commented that he would like to see a list provided of all available recreation activities mentioned in Chapter 5, Recreation. A. O. Kearns noted the list was available and included with Chapter 5, Recreation, but for some reason Regional Planning left the list out. He will find out why.

The Selectboard discussed the date for the Second Public Hearing for the proposed 2017 Town Plan and decided to meet on Monday, August 14, 2017.

Chair Morris closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.

List of items discussed at the Selectboard meeting, July 10, 2017

- Page 16 – under “urban forest resources.” Friends of Trees?
- Page 17 – at the bottom of the page, take out everything in the parentheses referring to the natural resources map .
- Page 18 – That besides Japanese Knotweed there are other invasive species, including wild parsnip. (for what it’s worth, I think there are probably thousands of invasive species that are not listed here.)
- Page 36. There is a spacing issue in the 1st paragraph.
- Page 58 – under Hartness airport the length of the runway 5/23 is 5500 and 1B. On the next line the runway is 11/29, and not 11/ 19
- on pages 50 and 51 under roads and bridges, the road class should be reflected in the is not Arabic numerals. In any case, the numbering should be consistent.
- Page 53 – just above scenic roads, the phrase “if any at all.” Was questioned.
- Page 57 – “a couple of million.” Maybe use the real estimate.
- Pages 61 and 62 in the table reformat so that the double digit numbers are side-by-side.
- Page 66 –In the middle paragraph on wastewater treatment. There is a cross out of 2 words, which should be eliminated.
- Page 81 – at the bottom of the page “developed in (b) above.” Should be “developed in 10 above.”
- Page 85 to 87 – reformat the Table
- Page 88 – Comment. The Town has at least three vision statements. There is one in the Intro to Town Plan, there is this one and one in the Strategic Plan. Can they all be one and the same? The comments included many who think they all should be different. This issue is for the future not this Plan.
- Page 100 - it is “the Fort at # 4” Charlestown was/ is #4, as that was its designation and it was not yet named Charlestown. So the text might state “The founding of the Fort at #4 (Charlestown, NH was known as simply #4 at the time.) and the construction...”
- Page 126 - 2nd Paragraph Formatting.
- Appendix B needs to be included.

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B. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING: At 7:00 PM or as immediately possible thereafter. The Town of Springfield is sponsoring an application to the State of Vermont by the Springfield Housing Authority and Housing Vermont for an Implementation Grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. Information and funding details will be discussed. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to take comments from the public regarding the renovation of the Woolson Block.

Chair, Kristi Morris, called the Public Hearing to order at 7:12 PM. Town Manager Yennerell introduced William Morlock, III from the Springfield Housing Authority and Matt Moore from Housing Vermont. The two organizations will be working together in order to revitalize the Woolson Block located along Main Street in the Springfield Downtown area. They are applying for a Community Development Block Grant, CDBG. Town Manager Yennerell noted a copy of the application just arrived at the Town Office today and the Selectboard Members were provided with copies.

Mr. Morlock, provided an artist's rendition sketch of the Woolson Block with diagrams of three, (3), floors. He went on to explain the Springfield Housing Authority and Housing Vermont have received tax credits from the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, and the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, VHCB. Mr. Morlock went on to state he expects the project will receive Historic, Downtown and State Tax Credits as well.

Mr. Morlock requested support and approval from the Selectboard for the Community Development Block Grant, CDBG. The grant application requires a resolution of support and approval from the Selectboard.

Mr. Moore stated the first time he worked with Mr. Morlock was on the Ellis Theater Project. Mr. Moore pointed out a lot of the key funding for the Woolson Block project is in place. The next item on the list will be to obtain the CDBG loan, which is made up of federal funds through the State of Vermont. He also went on to comment that the process is very competitive. If they are fortunate enough to be awarded the funds, the State grants the funds to the Town and the Town loans the funds to the project. Mr. Moore also requested support and approval from the Selectboard to be submitted with the application. The application is due August 8, 2017. Mr. Moore also noted zoning regulations will be reviewed and the appropriate permits obtained before any work is started. He went on to explain in further detail the funds would be awarded in October 2017. There would be a real estate closing, the other acquired funds would be brought in and the loan from the Town would start. The construction would take place; the building would be done, and running. The Springfield Housing Authority and Housing Vermont would return to the Selectboard for a final report. The grant would be closed out and the Town would have an interest in the building in the form of a lender. At any time, the Town could ask questions pertaining to the operations of the Woolson Block building. If the Woolson Block building was ever refinanced, the loan from the Town is in the priority agreement and the Selectboard would have to be notified.

Chair Morris pointed out the Town is lending out CDBG funds, \$750,000, not taxpayer's funds. Selectboard Members, Peter MacGillivray, Walter Martone and Michael Martin voiced their support for this project.

Walter Martone inquired if the Town would actually be growing the Revolving Loan Fund. Mr. Morlock reminded Mr. Martone that sometimes projects could not always pay the Revolving Loan Fund back; because there is too much debt. He went on to comment this will be a 0% loan deferred with no payments for quite a while.

George McNaughton shared that he has expressed to Mr. Morlock so many times that the redevelopment of the Ellis Theater building is the "Gold Standard" of private and public partnership. He also supports the Woolson Block project, but has concerns. He has read Act 250 paperwork that suggests that there will be residential spaces on the ground floor in the back of the building; he hopes that doesn't make the retail store space in the front so small that they can't house a restaurant. The other concern is a rumor circulating that the store fronts will be used for social service offices. Mr. McNaughton feels that

would destroy the Selectboard's credibility, his credibility and everyone that has been an activist for this project. Mr. McNaughton strongly urged Mr. Morlock and Mr. Moore to prevent that from happening and make sure the store fronts are large enough for a restaurant. He also stated that he had a lot of confidence in the Woolson Block project because Mr. Morlock and Mr. Moore did a wonderful job on the Ellis Theater building project.

Richard Andrews, resident, questioned where the Town would "stand in line" with other creditors for this process. Mr. Moore shared there would be a priority agreement and at this point, the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board would be above the Town per a standard agreement. The construction loan would be paid off first through the bank, an Investment Fund is next, VHCB and the Town.

Weston Marshall, resident, questioned what would be done with the Basement area. Mr. Moore stated the space would need to be cleaned out and space be brought up to code. There are not any plans for this space at this time.

Michael Martin also noted there was only one bathroom on the first floor for the retail space to use. He questioned if there would be security issues and didn't think the space was very practical. Mr. Moore noted that space was an issue, the plans are not final and there still is an opportunity to put bathrooms in the retail space if desired. The Woolson Block will have an elevator and the building still needs to be handicap accessible. A ramp will be built on the north side of the building.

Chair Morris asked if there were any comments or questions from the public and there were not any.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:55 PM.

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C. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair, Kristi Morris, called the regular Selectboard Meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Selectboard Members Present: Chair, Kristi Morris, Peter MacGillivray, Walter Martone and Michael Martin. Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson, was absent.

Town Administration: Town Manager, Tom Yennerell, and Administrative Officer, William Kearns.

School Board Liaison: Steve Karaffa was absent.

D. MINUTES:

Selectboard Meeting, June 12, 2017.

MOTION: **Walter Martone moved to approve the Monday, June 12, 2017 regular Selectboard Minutes with the requested revisions.**

Seconded by: Michael Martin.

Walter Martone, Pg. 2, Item #2, 5th Line – Sentence should read as follows: The ~~regional-representatives~~ state-wide regional association serves in an advisory and advocacy role.

Walter Martone, Pg. 3, last motion on the page – Michael ~~Martone~~ should be Michael Martin.

Vote: 4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent)

E. ANY REQUESTED ADDITIONS TO THIS AGENDA:

Town Manager, Tom Yennerell, requested to add two, (2), names to Consent Agenda Item #3: Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees, Item #9: CDBG Resolution, and Item #10: Results of the First Public Hearing Proposed 2017 Town Plan. There were no objections from the Selectboard Members for the requested additions.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM #1: Festival Permit – Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #679

ITEM #2: Corporate Resolution – Community Bank (formerly Merchants)

MOTION: **Walter Martone moved for Town Clerk, Barbara Courchesne, to sign the Festival Permit for the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #679 for their Annual Family Picnic, which is held off site each year at 220 Spencer Hollow Road. The event will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM,**

and moved for Town Clerk, Barbara Courchesne, to sign a Corporate Resolution from the Community Bank, (formerly Merchants), and add the Finance Director's name, Cathy Sohngen, to the Corporate Resolution. The request is due to the name change of the bank.

Seconded by: Peter MacGillivray.

Vote: 4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

ITEM #3: Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions – Springfield Greenways, Trails, Byways and Rural Economy Advisory Committee. Town Manager Yennerell stated that since the Selectboard Packet was put together on Friday, July 7th, two, (2), more applicants have applied to the Springfield Greenways, Trails, Byways and Rural Economy

Advisory Committee. The Selectboard can select 5 of the 6 applicants for the committee or change the committee size from 5 to 6 members. There was a short discussion about the size of the committee. George McNaughton also shared that Tom Hall was willing to pull his application should other people apply. Mr. Hall could still be active within the committee. Chair Morris stated that the Selectboard would like a note from Mr. Hall stating he was willing to pull his application for the committee. Mr. McNaughton agreed to contact Mr. Hall for a note.

MOTION: Walter Martone moved to appoint Randy Gray, Hallie Whitcomb, George McNaughton, Bettina McCrady and Charles Gregory to the newly formed Springfield Greenways, Trails, Byways and Rural Economy Advisory Committee.
Seconded by: Michael Martin.
Vote: 4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

G. NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #4: Approve Springfield Art Gym Proposal – Town Manager Yennerell introduced Mona Frye who explained the request submitted by the Springfield Art Gym regarding the Community Art Project.

Selectboard Member, Walter Martone, and Richard Andrews, Walter Wallace, and Weston Marshall from the audience voiced their support for the project.

MOTION: Michael Martin moved to authorize the Springfield Art Gym Members and Volunteers to paint the stair risers going to the bridge in the Springfield Shopping Plaza, the stair risers going from Clinton to Furnace Streets and stair risers on the stairs at Riverside Middle School, with the following conditions; the Art Gym Members are to seek and receive approval from the owners of the Plaza and with the School District for the stairs at the Riverside Middle School. The Art Gym also agrees to maintain the paintings when they fade or become vandalized.
Seconded by: Peter MacGillivray.
Vote: 4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

ITEM #5 8 Month Appointment of Library Trustee – Judith Edwards has resigned from the Library Board of Trustees. The Trustees are recommending the appointment of Barbara Ball to fill the vacancy until the March 2018 election.

MOTION: Peter MacGillivray moved to appoint Barbara Ball to an eight month term to the Library Board of Trustees.
Seconded by: Walter Martone.
Vote: 4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

ITEM #6: VTrans Small Scale Bike/Pedestrian Grant Application for Main Street – Town Manager Yennerell explained the VTrans bike/pedestrian grant application for Main Street Pedestrian improvements. The funds will be used to build curb extension and green space on Main Street between Summer and Valley Streets. This project is part of the Main Street Master Plan. This is a 50% match grant and the Town's match is estimated at \$47,926. The match will be needed next fiscal year and construction is slated for the same time.

MOTION: Walter Martone moved to approve the grant application to build a curb extension and green space on Main Street between Summer and Valley Streets. The grant is for \$95,852 with a 50% match of \$47,926 from the Town.
Seconded by: Peter MacGillivray.

Town Manager Yennerell stated the matching funds would be coming from the Town's Highway Budget. Michael Martin stated it was exciting to see an actual project going to happen from the Main Street Master Plan.

4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

ITEM #7: VTrans Large Scale Bike/Pedestrian Grant Application for Additional South Street Funds – Town Manager Yennerell explained the VTrans Bike/Pedestrian Grant Application for additional funds for the South Street Sidewalk. The current project is \$195,366 over budget. Therefore, the Town is seeking additional funds. This is a 20% match grant and the Town's match is estimated at \$39,073.

MOTION: Walter Martone moved to approve the application a grant to cover additional funds for the South Street Sidewalk Project. The grant will be for \$195,366 with a Town match of 20%, \$39,073.
Seconded by: Peter MacGillivray

Town Manager Yennerell stated that it was yet to be determined where the matched funding was coming from. This project will be for the 17-18 Budget Year.

4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

ITEM #8: Approve T.I.F. District Feasibility Proposal Funding – Town Manager Yennerell is requesting to allocate \$20,000 of the Springfield Revitalization Fund to hire a consultant to investigate the feasibility of a TIF District in the downtown. He also noted there are still more consultants that he would like to speak to before making a final decision, but hiring a consultant should not wait until the August Selectboard Meeting.

MOTION: Walter Martone moved to authorized Town Manager Yennerell to meet with various consultants to investigate the feasibility of a Tax Increment Financing District, TIF, in the downtown and to allocate \$20,000 of the Springfield Revitalization Fund to hire a consultant.
Seconded by: Michael Martin.
4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

ITEM #9: Vermont Community Development Program, CDBG, Grant Resolution – Town Manager Yennerell is requesting the Selectboard to sign a Resolution acknowledging that the Town is applying for this grant before the application is submitted. The application is due August 8th and the next Selectboard is August 14th.

MOTION: Peter MacGillivray moved to authorize the Selectboard to sign the standard CDBG grant Application resolution for the \$750,000 for the Woolson Block project.
Seconded by: Walter Martone.
4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

ITEM #10: Results of First Public Hearing for the 2017 Town Plan and Set Next Meeting.

MOTION: Walter Martone moved for the Selectboard to declare the various revisions were non-substantial and a Second Public Hearing of the proposed 2017 Town Plan be set for Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
Seconded by: Michael Martin
4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

H. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: - The Town Manager's Report was read out loud for the citizens in attendance and the SAPA TV viewers. Topics discussed were 5 – 7 Main Street Property Update, Workcamp N. E. is in Town working, the Main Street Master Plan, 42 – 44 Union Street Property Update, South Street Sidewalk Project Update and the Town Website Improvements. Copies of this information may be found on the Town's Website or picked up at the Town Manager's Office.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM PROPOSALS:
There were no future agenda items requested.

J. OTHER MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE:
1. Police Monthly Report – May 2017
2. Planning Commission - Letter Dtd. June 20, 2017 Catamount Solar
3. Public Works Monthly Report – May 2017
4. Senior Center Monthly Newsletter – July 2017
5. Springfield Regional Development Corporation – Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2017

Chair Morris read out loud the **OTHER MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE**. Copies of this information may be found on the Town's Website or picked up at the Town Manager's Office.

K. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:
There were no citizen's comments provided.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Peter MacGillivray moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting of Monday, July 10, 2017.
Seconded by: Michael Martin
4 Yes, passed unanimously. (Vice-Chair, Stephanie Thompson Absent).

Meeting closed at 9:18 PM.

Submitted By:

Donna M. Hall

Donna M. Hall,
Recording Secretary