Town of Orange

Planning Commission Minutes

4:30 P.M., April 12, 2023

Meeting in Town Hall and by Zoom

1. Called meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Members in attendance were Eric Holmgren, Ray Rossi and Lee Cattaneo. Also attending by Zoom were Christian Meyer (CVRPC) and Stephanie and Chris Magnan (Consultants).

1. Opportunity for public comment/questions. There were no public comments.

1. Approved the minutes of March 8, 2023 meeting. Ray made the motion to approve, Eric seconded and they were unanimously approved.
2. Provided input to CVRPC on Town’s need and use of a Capital Improvement Plan for their April workshop. The planning commission members and the consultants outlined the Town’s reasons for undertaking the project and the experiences so far in the process. All parties agreed that there will be a need to develop procedures for implementing and maintaining the plan. Plan implementation will be a challenge in the smaller rural communities within the CVPRC district that have limited staff. If the CVRPC could produce a Capital Improvement Plan “User Guide” it would be of great benefit.
3. Update and discussion on Capital Improvement Plan including scheduling and a review of current draft plan. The consultants need to schedule some time to talk to John Barnes concerning the Town’s roads and to get input from Angela Eastman on repairs to the Town offices. There will be a further review of the draft plan at the May Planning Commission meeting prior to the draft being prepared for the June 14th public forum review of draft plan which will be held in the early evening at the Town Hall. Town employees and Selectboard members will be invited to attend the May meeting.
4. Update on project for traffic calming and sidewalks in village center. The Town has been awarded the grant for studying the Route 302 corridor within the village center. VTrans will be contacting Angela Eastman to set up a study “kick off” meeting that will include representatives from the Town and the CVRPC.
5. Set time, date and agenda for the next planning commission meeting. The next meeting will be May 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall for the purpose of reviewing the draft plan prior to the June public forum.

1. Adjourned meeting at 5:30 p.m.