

STRAFFORD PLANNING COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 16, 2017

Present: Steve Campbell, Chair; Stuart Crocker; Donald Graham; Chrissy Jamieson; Mike Scanlan; Martha Walke; Steve Willbanks.

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM.

1. Minutes from June approved.
2. John Echeverria has resigned from the Commission.
3. The Town Plan has been approved by the Selectboard, with their changes, and sent to Two Rivers. We probably will not hear back from Two Rivers until December. RR II is still in the Plan. The
4. Village Designations - Two Rivers recommends that both So. Strafford and Strafford are encouraged to apply for this. Recommended we have a pre-application meeting with the Dept. of Housing and Community Development. Steve will set this up.
5. The Selectboard expanded each village designation in the Town Plan. They doubled the square footage of each village by length but not by depth.
6. Certified Local Government (CLG) - this was talked about in June with Peter Brink from Norwich. There is concern about the modification of houses in the Upper Village with the turnover of homes. The Strafford Historic Society is concerned re keeping the village as it has been historically.  
Concerns: Do we want a design review process created?  
How do we begin the process?  
There needs to be an archeological survey/inventory of the houses in the village. The CLG would need to get funding to do this.  
The Selectboard needs to initiate the process of forming a CLG or a Historic Preservation Commission. Devin Colman (from the state??) would like to meet with the Selectboard to discuss this. Bob Johnson would represent the Historical Society and the Planning Commission would also be invited to participate in this meeting.
7. For the November meeting: look at Table 2 - Districts and Uses and think about what conditions should go into RRII and what is missing (airbnb, tiny houses, etc.) from all districts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary