

**Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting**  
**June 24, 2013**

*Subject to review and approval*

**Present:** Jesse Moorman, Kim Cheney, Eileen Simpson (by telephone), Gwen Hallsmith, Jon Anderson, Alan Goldman, John Bloch, Thomas Nowlin, Tina Ruth.

**Call to order by the Chair:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Kim Cheney.

**Comments from the Chair:** Kim would like to discuss Sabin's Pasture.

**Review minutes of January 28, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, April 29, and May 13, 2013:** Jon moved to approve the minutes except January 28 and April 29. John seconded. Kim wants public comments attached to January 28 and Eileen has corrections for the April 29 minutes but not with her.

**Public Comments and Questions:** Kim McKee from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission handed out a review of the land use planning goals for the City.

Aaron from the Montpelier Parks division gave the Commission an official memo that clarifies some of the division's priorities. Instead of giving reading his statement, the written copy will be attached to the minutes. John asked where the money would come from for a Sabin's Pasture park.

Lee Sutton from Bailey Avenue and a former member of the Friends of Sabin's Pasture. He asked that the upper pasture be preserved in the new zoning designations.

Phil Dodd owns property that abuts Sabin's Pasture. He just wanted to clarify the numbers that were being discussed.

Jed Guertin asked if the specific zoning for Sabin's would then be applied to other large developable tracts of land in the city. He was unable to print out his materials.

**Conflict of Interest Policy Review:** Alan and Kim will not vote on any actions regarding property that they own. Tina mentioned that apparent conflict of interest is also a concern.

Gwen asked the commission was that interpretation of recusal is – not speaking at all on a discussion or just not voting.

Alan feels that the reconsideration of specific neighborhoods instead of widespread zoning is creating issues of conflict.

Kim mentioned that an opinion on the issue be gotten from the City Council. Jon mentioned that the votes of the commission are not set in stone, they only become recommendations to the City Council.

John made a motion that the City attorney make a definitive reading on the policy. There was no second.

There were no other motions, it can be tabled for the next meeting.

**Continue review Article 2. Zoning Districts and Regulations. New Neighborhoods District - Sabin's Pasture:** Jon formed a draft for the commission's review. It's been based on acreage that seems to be in conflict as to exact numbers. An official map would have the exact numbers.

Any ideas should be sent to Jon by the end of the week to then have Kim and Gwen filter and fine tune for the commission's review.

There is a planning grant available to help draw up a map. John made a motion that an application for a planning grant be sent in by Gwen. Jon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** John made a motion to adjourn, Alan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry  
Recording Secretary