

**Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting
October 16, 2012**

Subject to review and approval

Present: Jesse Moorman, Kim Cheney, Eileen Simpson, Gwen Hallsmith, Tina Ruth, Alan Goldman.

Call to order by the Chair: Jesse Moorman called the meeting to order and asked the audience members to introduce themselves.

Comments from the Chair: Jesse introduced the newest commission member, Thomas Nowlin, a junior in high school.

Review minutes of September 10 and September 24, 2012: Review was tabled until a quorum is present.

Discussion of wetlands regulations, buffers, and setbacks: There needs to be a better definition of wetlands in order to set the buffers. To better inform the decision making, a discussion needs to take place on what constitutes the classes of wetlands.

Daniel Currier from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission presented an overview. All of the wetlands in Montpelier are Class 2, there are not any Class 3 and there's only one Class 1 in the state and they are all mapped by the state. The state requires a 50 foot buffer around wetlands, Montpelier follows those guidelines.

Target Resource Overlay Map discussion: Members of the Conservation Commission presented their work to map smart growth. They set up 4 tiers, based on conservation value. Tier 1 are the highest conservation value or public risk and become less so on the following tiers. Tiers 1 and 2 require the most review from the city.

Update on Design Competition: Tabled for next meeting on October 22, 2012.

Future agenda items: Update on the design competition and a decision on the classification of wetlands for the next meeting. Further discussion of the TROM at a later date.

Other business: The Committee thanks the Conservation Commission for their work on the target resource overlay map.

Adjournment: Kim made the motion to adjourn, Alan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary