

**Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting**  
**July 23, 2012**

*Subject to review and approval*

**Present:** Jesse Moorman, Kim Cheney, Jon Anderson, Eileen Simpson, Gwen Hallsmith, Tina Ruth, Clancy DeSmet, Scott Humphrey, John Bloch, Alan Goldman.

**Call To Order:**

**Comments from the Chair:** None

**Review Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from April 23, 2012 and May 14, 2012. Kim asked that the memo he wrote regarding school enrollment and projected growth and that was referenced in the April minutes be attached to those minutes. Tina was at the April meeting and her name was omitted. Jesse's name was misspelled in the design competition section of the April minutes. Motion to approve with corrections was unanimous.

**Flood Plain Ordinance:** Clancy explained that the City of Montpelier voluntarily participates in a Federal program called the Community Ratings System and goes above and beyond those requirements, such as pre-board, maintaining a library, and other things to help understand the flood risks. The Ratings System is being revamped to be more friendly toward communities who want to protect watersheds. The system has a rating of 1-10 and Montpelier is at a 9, that translates into a 5% discount on flood insurance for the citizens. Rebecca Pfeiffer from ANR River Management and Jennifer Mojo from Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to talk about flooding in Montpelier and present two different scenarios to possibly increase the discount to 10%. The recertification won't happen until next year.

Rebecca Pfeiffer from ANR presented a slideshow regarding different types of flooding and drew attention to that fact that Clancy had handed out a river buffer zone map and fluvial erosion hazard map. Part of the problem with flooding is people are where the river wants to be when there is too much water. The Agency of Natural Resources tries to map where the water might want to be so areas can be prepared to minimize flooding impacts. The ratings system encourages communities to prepare by providing flood insurance discounts.

John made the motion to redo the guidelines so the "village of Montpelier" have the least restrictive versus outside those limits. The revisions will be reviewed the next time the flood plain ordinance is on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other business:** The commission decided to not meet again during the month of August and to reconvene in September.

**Adjournment:**

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry  
Recording Secretary