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Planning Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, Aug 10, 2020

Recreation Pavilion, Rt. 12A, Randolph

Present: Members: Sonny Holt, Paul Rae, Perry Armstrong, Camden Walters and Miles Hooper, Municipal Staff: Josh Jerome. **Absent:** Michael Tragner and Matt Chin,

Sonny Holt called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1. **Public Comment** – Paul Kendall and David Palmer attended the meeting

2. **Approval of Minutes** – the July 6th minutes were approved.

3. **Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

4. **New Business**

Ned Swanberg, the Vermont Regional Floodplain Manager, gave a talk about River Corridors and how to avoid adverse impacts to communities. He emphasized that there must be room for rivers to flow, because the power of moving water damages roads, culverts, bridges, homes and critical services in Vermont. To reduce damage from floods we need to protect the space needed by rivers - to slow down and reduce its costly erosive power. River corridors include the minimum space needed to maintain the natural least-erosive slope of the river.

Mr. Swanberg provided us with steps a community can take to become flood resilient and qualify for post-disaster funds through the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund / ERAF. The following links provide detailed information. The floodready.vermont.gov has lots of information including the Community Report for Randolph and the list of communities that have adopted some form of No Adverse Impact (NAI) protections.

<https://floodready.vermont.gov/info>

https://floodready.vermont.gov/assessment/community_reports#Updates

https://floodready.vermont.gov/update_plans

FEMA is in the process of developing/updating maps of river corridors throughout the U.S. At the following site you will be able to see how they are progressing.

<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

5. Other Business: There was no further business to discuss.

At 7:35 pm, the PC voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Sonny Holt

Revised and Approved: /ss/ Sonny Holt