

MUNICIPAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE
November 20, 2024

In Attendance: Heidi Valenta, Sarah Hadd, Megan Sherlund

Staff: Greta Brunswick, Luke Slomba

The Municipal Plan Review Committee held a hybrid meeting at the NRPC office with a virtual option via Zoom on November 20, 2024. The meeting was opened by S. Hadd at 6:04pm

1. Adjustments to Agenda

None

2. Public Hearing: Request for Regional Approval of Isle La Motte Town Plan and Sheldon Town Plan, Request for Determination of Energy Compliance for South Hero, Highgate, Montgomery, Sheldon and Isle La Motte Enhanced Energy Plans.

L. Slomba introduced the hearing and referenced the statutory requirements for regional approval, confirmation of planning process and determination of energy compliance.

S. Hadd opened the hearing for regional approval and confirmation of the Sheldon Town Plan. G. Brunswick noted that there were no changes made to the plan since the last review by the committee. The committee had no comments or concerns regarding the plan. The public hearing was closed by S. Hadd at 6:08pm. M. Sherlund made a motion to recommend that the board of commissioners grant regional approval of the Sheldon Town Plan and confirmation of planning process to the Town of Sheldon. The motion was seconded by H. Valenta and passed.

S. Hadd opened the hearing for regional approval and confirmation of the Isle La Motte Town Plan. L. Slomba explained the changes made to the plan since the committee's last review. In the previous draft, a planning goal for educational and vocational training was not addressed, and this was related to the Planning Commission in the preliminary review and memo. In the final draft, a short section was added regarding educational and vocational training opportunities available to Isle La Motte residents that addressed this goal, making the plan compliant with all state planning goals. The public hearing was closed by S. Hadd at 6:10pm. H. Valenta made a motion to recommend that the board of commissioners grant regional approval of the Isle La Motte Town Plan and confirmation of planning process to the Town of Isle La Motte. The motion was seconded by M. Sherlund and passed. The committee congratulated Isle La Motte on adoption of their first ever Town Plan.

S. Hadd opened the hearing for determination of energy compliance for the South Hero, Highgate, Montgomery, Sheldon and Isle La Motte Enhanced Energy Plans. G. Brunswick explained that the NRPC Energy Plan was not approved when previous determinations for South Hero, Montgomery and Highgate were made. Now that the NRPC Energy Plan had a positive energy determination from the state, NRPC could redo the determinations for these towns. There were no comments or concerns from the committee. The hearing was

closed by S. Hadd at 6:13pm. M. Sherlund made a motion to recommended that the board of commissioners grant determination of energy compliance to the South Hero, Highgate, Montgomery, Sheldon and Isle La Motte Enhanced Energy Plans. The motion was seconded by H. Valenta and passed.

3. Grand Isle Town Plan Preliminary Staff Review

The committee noted that the plan was detailed and visually appealing, and that the current draft met all requirements for regional approval. The committee had no further comments or recommendations.

4. Additional discussion of Georgia Town Plan Preliminary Staff Review

G. Brunswick explained a change to the Future Land Use map that was not noticed by staff or the committee during the preliminary review. The map proposes extending the commercial district along Route 7 through Georgia Center. The committee expressed concern that this map change is out of line with the plan's focus on promoting infill in historic village centers. Staff stated that they would revisit and update the preliminary review and send an updated letter by the end of Friday in advance of the public hearing on Monday.

5. Other Business

The committee discussed future meetings and stated that a meeting before the December board of commissioners meeting will not be necessary.

6. Adjourn – 6:50pm