

  
**TOWN OF WILLISTON**  
**Planning Commission Minutes**  
*February 18, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.*

**Williston Planning Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Mathon, Michael Alvanos, Paul Laska, ~~Meagan~~Meghan Cope, Planning Commission Members; Ken Belliveau and Matt Boulanger planning staff; Matt Deluca, Green ~~Mountian~~Mountain Coffee Roasters

1) CALL TO ORDER

Jake Mathon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2) GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS – Request for Sewer Allocation

Matt Deluca from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (GMCR) addressed the company's need for additional sewer capacity to develop their newly proposed single service cold beverage dispenser in Williston. Paul Laska asked what would be done at the Williston facility on Marshall Avenue. Matt said the Marshall Avenue facility will serve as a stepping stone between R & D and full scale production. The Williston facility is seen by the company as a center of innovation.

Meghan Cope asked how much sewer allocation they will need. Matt Deluca said approximately 7-8,000 gallons per day, but the precise amount is still to be determined, mostly for the cleaning process. They are working to get the Biochemical Oxygen level as low as possible. Meghan also asked about their efforts to recycle water. Matt said they try to recycle the water continuously as much as possible. They use air to get some of the sugar out of pipes and maximize how much gets in the portion packs. Meghan asked about job creation as part of this project. Matt said this project would probably generate around 120 additional jobs in the company. Michael Alvanos asked Matt to describe how the facility would operate, how much water they currently use. Mat said they currently use about 6,000 gallons per day.

Meaghan Cope moved that the planning commission recommend that the Selectboard allocate up to 10,000 gallons per day of wastewater treatment capacity from the category of Encourage Specific Development, Paul Laska seconded. The planning commission voted of 4-0 in favor of the motion.

3) VTel Telecom Tower Extension – 2777 St. George Road (VT State Police Barracks)

Ken Belliveau reviewed an application for a Certificate of Public Good for an additional 10 feet of tower height on the telecommunications tower at the state police barracks property on VT. 2A. The tower's height is proposed to increase from 80 feet to 90 feet, and some additional antennae are proposed for the tower. The commission has an opportunity to comment on the proposal to the Public Service Board. The planning commission reached a

consensus that they were not opposed to the proposal, but would not make a formal recommendation.

4) Review of Attachment A of Sewer Allocation Ordinance

Ken Belliveau presented a draft of Attachment A of the town's Sewer Allocation Ordinance. Attachment A lays out how sewer capacity will be allocated during the upcoming fiscal year. There are general categories of allocation, and once approved by the Selectboard, staff administers approving individual allocations over the course of the year. The amount of capacity reserved for the town at the plant is limited.

Over the next 11 year period, there is approximately 218,000 gallons per day of capacity available for allocation. This leaves approximately 20,000 gallons per day available each year for new residential uses, which is roughly enough to sustain current levels of residential development served by municipal sewer. This will leave little additional capacity available for new commercial development however. Ken Belliveau stated that the town will most likely need to purchase additional treatment capacity at the plant to support the next version of growth management over the next 10 years. The planning commission discussed current water usage and how conservation might be playing a role in keeping current usage levels from rising too rapidly. Motion made by Meghan Cope to recommend the proposed Attachment A and consider purchasing additional capacity in support of the next growth management plan, seconded by Michael Alvanos, with a 4-0 in favor of the motion.

5) Minutes of the January 21 and February 4, 2014 meetings:

Motion by Jake Mathon seconded by Paul Laska to approve with minor corrections approved by 4-0 vote.

Motion by Meghan seconded by Paul Laska to approve the minutes of February 4, 2014 approved by 4-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.