

Wolcott Planning Commission Minutes

Feb. 4, 2020

Members present: Jim Robert, Maxfield English, Bruce Wheeler, Bill Cotten
Others Present: Lea Kilvadyova,, Seth Jensen, Scott Riegen – LCPC

Minutes from the 1/7/20 meeting were approved.,

FEMA Flood Insurance and the Community Rating System (CRS)

Scott presented FEMA’s CRS rating system which affects the price paid for federal flood insurance. Wolcott has 86 buildings (using 911 addresses), in the flood zone, however only 11 carry flood insurance. The presentation described possible ways to lower flood insurance rates, using CRS rules, by updating plans, documentation retention and other means. We will work with LCPC to consider the options and possible benefits of the needed work.

Broadband

Lea presented the ongoing efforts at the county level to bring better internet access to area towns. Discussion focused on the possibility of Wolcott joining a Community Union District (CUD- similar to water or sewer districts). Several neighboring towns will vote on joining a CUD at their town meetings. We discussed the pros and cons of joining a CUD and generally favor the possible benefits. The board understands that solid, high speed Internet access is very important to individuals and the town as a whole. It was decided to approach the selectboard this spring with a proposal.

Upcoming meeting – “A close look at CUDS” – Chris Campbell, of Tilson Technologies), will present on Feb 27th, Thurs. at the Johnson Town Clerks office, 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00