

**Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting**  
**May 29, 2013**

*Subject to review and approval*

**Present:** Jesse Moorman, Jon Anderson, Tina Ruth, <someone else at the table>

**Call to order by the Chair:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair but there wasn't a quorum to take any actions.

**Comments from the Chair:** There was no comments from the Chair but the Commission members in attendance would hear from the public in attendance.

**Review minutes of January 28, March 11, and April 29, 2013:** No action was taken.

**Public Comments and Questions:**

Michael Hoffman from Friends of Sabin's Pasture was the first to speak. He asked that the districts be variable, not strict in the definitions. If an area is labeled suburban and a small grocery store or restaurant type establishment wants to open there, consideration should be made on whether that is a good fit and not just be told no because it's homes only.

Jay White spoke next about his concerns about the historical district and what is in the realm of reviews by the review boards.

Phil Dodd was next at the table to talk about the proposed zoning for Sabin's Pasture. He doesn't feel it should be zoned suburban.

Geoff Beyer spoke about an idea for a park and trails that connect existing trails by edging landowners' properties. Jon asked Geoff and the parks commission to do up a tentative map on where trails might go.

Mary Wells had a question for the commission on where the perception that Montpelier needs more housing comes from. Jon then responded that there were many different plans that lent to that perception, including school funding. A fair reading of the master plan invites more housing.

Nancy Sherman, Carolyn Grodinsky, and Jed Guerin each spoke.

**Adjournment:** The Chair thanked everyone for their input and ideas and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry  
Recording Secretary