

Town of Wallingford, VT
Special Planning Commission (P.C.) Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018

Members Present: Erika Berner (Chair), Jill Burkett, Justin Jankus; Kevin Mullin

Others Present: Elysa Smigielski (Planner, Rutland Regional Planning Commission), J. Biasuzzi (Recorder), Lynn Edmunds, Christopher Dunigan, Lisa Williams

Meeting was called to order by E. Berner at 7:06 p.m. and audio was electronically recorded.

Review of Agenda

The meeting's (draft) agenda was reviewed. J. Burkett made a **Motion** to accept agenda. J. Jankus seconded, all approved, and Motion passed.

The review and adoption of the Minutes of 12/13/2017. J. Jankus made a **Motion** to approve the Minutes; J. Burkett seconded; and Motion passed..

Update & Discussion of Town Plan:

E. Smigielski, a Town Plan Specialist from RRPC, opened by confirming that the schedule outlined at the 12/13/17 Meeting for the Town Plan's adoption was on track.

J. Jankus offered to post the draft Town Plan on Front Porch Forum. He also asked about adding the list of action items to the draft, as discussed in the last meeting. J. Biasuzzi suggested changing some of the photos currently in the draft; and including photos of South & East Wallingford; as well as some "vintage photos" in J. Jankus possession.

E. Smigielski suggested using the same language in the current Town Plan to satisfy the current requirement regarding Forest Fragmentation and Wild Life Corridors. K. Mullin suggested softening this language, to clarify that the Plan is making recommendations and not mandates.

On the Community Facilities List, E. Berner suggested identifying VTEL, Comcast, and Fair Point as telephone service providers (in various portions of the Town). Several other minor corrections to the draft plan were noted by PC members.

E. Smigielski is to send the Public Notice of the PC Public Hearing on 2/12/18 to the Rutland Herald; copying to the Zoning Administrator for local posting.

L. Williams asked about River Corridor language in the plan. J. Biasuzzi noted that the PC had been introduced to the issue in 2015; and he was aware of other Towns that have (or are) considered the River Corridors Program. At this time, his observation is that many of the Towns do not have a clear

understanding of the cost versus benefit of the regulation, and need more information about the regulation before moving forward.

Public Input:

E. Berner opened the Floor to Public Comments. L. Williams asked about the reference to a Bicycle Store as a suggested business for the Town. E. Berner replied that the draft Plan includes an action item to seek grant funding for an economic development study; which would identify what businesses would be appropriate and could be supported the Town. J. Jankus referenced the Community Vision Study, which ranked residents' opinions on what businesses were requested.

The next regular meeting of the PC was scheduled for Monday Feb. 12, 2018, at 7:00 pm, at Town Offices, 75 School Street; which will start off with the Public Hearing on the Town Plan.

Adjournment:

K. Mullin made a **Motion** to close the Meeting; J. Jankus seconded; all approved and the Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Submitted by: J. M. Biasuzzi

Approved: February 12, 2018