

Town of Wallingford, VT
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017

Members Present: Erika Berner (Chair), J. Biasuzzi (serving as ZA & recorder), Kevin Mullin
Justin Jankus, Michael McMahon

Members Absent: Jill Burkett

Others Present: Elysa Smigielski (Planner, Rutland Regional Planning Commission)

Meeting was called to order by E. Berner at 6:05 p.m. and was electronically recorded.

Review of Agenda & Minutes:

E. Berner request a Motion to approve the meeting Agenda and the Minutes of the past three meetings.

The Meeting Minutes of August 11, & 14 and September 26, 2017 were reviewed. K. Mullin made a **Motion** to accept the meeting's agenda and Minutes of all three meetings, with the corrections noted by M. McMahon. M. McMahon seconded; all approved and Motions passed.

Discussion of Town Plan:

E. Smigielski, a Town Plan Specialist from RRPC, asked M McMahon for clarification on the South Wallingford and East Wallingford Village water systems (Fire Districts). He offered to check on details and send her his findings.

E. Smigielski requested the PC to:

1. Rank the "Action Items" identified at the 9/26/2017 Special Meeting (1 = first year action should be achieved, and 8 = the last year).
2. Add input to the Land USE portions of the Town Plan,
3. Asked for input to include in the Transportation, Energy, Natural Resources, Housing, and Flood Resiliency

Sections. Discussion followed on:

- a. RE: **Transportation** - K. Mullin suggested researching Uber service to improve the transportation options. E. Smigielski suggested holding a PC session on use & availability of Uber service. J. Jankus suggested using the Town website (or Front Porch Forum) to promote Ride Share options.
- b. RE: **Energy** – M. McMahon wanted to include facts on the recent increase in alternative energy systems in the Township (Crushed Stone and the Elementary School commercial solar facilities, residential systems, promotion of heat pump and battery storage units, etc.).
- c. RE: **Economic Development** – A priority "Action Item" was to apply for grant funding for an Economic Development Study; perhaps in cooperation with neighboring Towns. M. McMahon proposed producing a questionnaire handout to area small businesses, for their suggestions on encouraging development.
- d. RE: **Community Events** - E. Smigielski asked the PC to put as complete list of Town held events as possible.

e. RE: **Land Use** – This section additional and improved text. It need to refer to both the Historic and Village designations. J. Jankus suggested information on Scenic By-ways. As the Town does not have an official Gateway designation, the consensus was to omit any mention of this.

E. Smigielski asked the PC send her their suggestions and input asap, as she hoped to process into an updated Draft of the Plan by the next Meeting.

Wednesday, October 25th was selected as the date for a 6:00 pm Special (dinner) Meeting at E. Burner's residence at 65 South Main Street, Wallingford Village. The purpose of this meeting is to review the most recent draft of the Town Plan. The next regular PC Meeting was scheduled for 7:00 pm Monday, November 13th, at Wallingford Town Offices. E. Berner asked for a Motion to approve this meeting schedule. M. McMahon so Moved to approve the Meeting schedule, J. Jankus seconded, all approved and the Motion passed.

There was no Public Comment.

Other Business included E. Berner's update from the Select Board that R. Lovino and C.A. Martin have been asked to resign their appointments, and that the Planning Commission was to be a five-member panel, with one alternate.

J. Biasuzzi announced that the next VLCT Planning & Zoning Forum was scheduled for November 1st in South Burlington, and asked anyone interested in attending to make a reservation though him before 10/25/17.

M. McMahon made a Motion to conclude the Meeting, J. Jankus seconded, all approved and the Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Jeffrey Biasuzzi

Approved: 02/12/18