

Craftsbury Planning Commision Draft Minutes of January 17, 2024 Meeting

Present: Lucas Shulz, David Koschak, Farley Brown, Dave Rowell, Rudy Chase, Ross Davis, Gordy Waterhouse, Reed Holden, Alison Low (NVDA)

1. Approval of the December 13, 2023 minutes. Ross motions to approve, seconded by Rudy.
2. Town Plan Rewrite: Community Values Mapping Workshop
 - A) The Community Values Mapping Workshop will use public participation to build on the future land-use map that we established in the 2016 plan. Small groups of 5-8 people will gather around a map of Craftsbury and discuss what places they love in this town, and what they value about these places. Then participants will assign a value from a predetermined list of categories to these areas. This exercise builds consensus about Craftsbury's lands in a collaborative way, creates a map reflecting the values and perceptions of residents, and helps to satisfy Act 171.
 - B) One important question for consideration is how to encourage participation from the most people in this process; we could think about using Town Meeting as an opportunity to advertise. It is important to have a wide array of community members in each break-out group. It will also be important to publicize the results of the survey and to summarize the results at the start of the Community Values Mapping workshop.
 - C) Tentative value categories: Working Landscape, Recreation, Hunting/Fishing, Historic, Natural Areas/Habitats, Scenic Views (Also could be called "Aesthetics" or "Beautiful Places"), Community Spaces
 - D) Tentative date for this workshop is 3/13. Facilitators will be Rudy, Gordy, David, Farley, Alison Low, Steven Moffat and possibly others from Conservation Commision and NVDA. There is a Facilitator's Guide available as a resource.
3. Town Plan Rewrite:
 - A) Alison will summarize Community Survey Results and bring this summary to the Planning Commision for approval so we can share results with the community.
4. Town Plan Rewrite: Housing Profile Draft
 - A) An informal group addressing housing in Craftsbury will begin pursuing Technical Assistance Funds to create opportunities for people to create housing, instead of pursuing funds to complete a housing profile.
5. Report for the Craftsbury Town Report: Dave moves that we accept the Town Report as written; Ross seconded.

6. Other business: None

Gordy motions that we adjourn the meeting at 8:25; Ross seconded.

Next Meeting: February 21 at 7:00.