

Craftsbury Planning Commission October 18, 2023 meeting, 7 p.m. Town Hall

Agenda

1. Approval of the September 20, 2023 Minutes
2. Coburn Hill Town Forest Walk Planning
3. Review of the draft Craftsbury Town Plan Survey - finalize questions, review it on Google Surveys, review posters and postcards
4. Review of the next version of the Craftsbury Habitat Blocks map
5. Other business

Craftsbury Planning Commission Draft Minutes of September 20, 2023 Meeting Present at Town Hall: Farley Brown, Chair, Lucas Schultz, David Rowell, David Koschak, Reed Holden, Ross Davis, Phil Lovely, Alison Low (NVDA) Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. Minutes of August 17, motion to approve by D. Rowell, 2nd by L. Schultz. Approved.
2. Farley reported conversation with Conservation Committee about inventory of town features. Farley shared the “Seven Basic Ecological Principles” from the Mad River Valley’s report completed by Arrowhead Consulting.
3. Community Value Mapping was discussed for summer or fall 2024. a. Alison Low suggested a mini-mapping exercise during November hike event.
4. Outdoor meeting at Town Forest on Coburn Hill. a. Proposed date of Saturday October 21st 10:00-12:00. b. Farley discussed the use of iNaturalist to collect data about plant and animal identification around town. c. Farley will bring map to discuss different forest types.
5. Draft Public Survey
 - a. A. Low read through draft survey.
 - b. Discussed connection to plan “themes”.
 - c. L. Schultz commented on any school questions, considering past efforts to address elementary school upgrades. i. A. Low proposed two questions “explore new uses and/or location for town offices?” and “explore new uses and/or location for elementary school?”
 - d. Discussed potential “facilities map”.
 - e. Discussed adding additional definition of “ecological function” under the “Ecological” questions.
 - f. Motion to accept survey with changes by D. Rowell, 2nd by P. Lovely g. Discussed how to distribute: i. Survey Monkey (A. Low no longer has subscription) ii. Google Forms is an option. iii. Hard copies 1. 150-200 copies 2. Locations: a. C Village b. Genny c. Craftsbury Community Care Center d. Town offices e. Library 3. Timing a. Distribute by end of October 4. Postcards a. Inform that it’s happening b. Every postal customer 5. Survey to ask about age category a. Under 35 b. 35-49 c. 50 and up
6. Review it online @ next meeting
 6. A. Low presented map a. Discussed separating Conserved/Current Use and Habitat Blocks into two separate maps. Difficult to understand as presented.
7. F. Brown shared “Implementation Guide” a. Discussed disappointment over line painting in village. b. D. Rowell asked whether it can be removed or painted. i. It was suggested to contact Russ Engels for help preventing future line painting. c. F. Brown proposed postponing conversation on tentative dates, aiming to complete before year end.
8. D. Rowell recognized Linda Welles for her years on the Planning Commission.
9. No other business. Motion to adjourn L. Schultz, 2nd by F. Brown. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00pm.