

Craftsbury Planning Commission Meeting  
June 21, 2023 @ 7pm  
Craftsbury Town Hall

Agenda:

1. Approval of the May 17th meeting (3-5 minutes)
  
2. Report out on webinar regarding FEMA new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Craftsbury Flood Regulations (10 minutes)
  - Vermont Department of Conservation will meet with the town with draft maps (summer 2023)
  - Town comments on the draft maps
  - Town Floodplain Regulations need to be updated by 2025
  
3. Town Plan Rewrite (60 minutes)
  - Structure of the Plan
  - Themes
  - Review of the updated strategies (this is the document that Alison handed out at the last meeting - I have attached it as a PDF)
  
4. Other business

May 17, 2023 DRAFT Minutes:

Present at Town Hall: Farley Brown, Lucas Schulz, Ross Davis, Rudy Chase, Alison Lowe (NVDA), Susan Houston (select board), Alison Blaney, Phil Lovely, David Koshak, Gordon Waterhouse

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

1. Welcomed new member Alison Blaney
  2. Phil Lovely moves to approve minutes, Rudy seconds, minutes approved
  3. Discussion of process for new PC members
    - positions posted on Front Porch Forum, candidates approach current PC members
    - selectboard has made recommendation to allow for an alternate member
    - Rudy makes a motion to accept David Koshak, Reed Holden (as an alternate member), Alison Blaney seconds, motion approved
  4. Next steps for Village Plan
    - VSA 24 Ch 117
- Farley clarifies differences between town and village plans for new members, gets them up to speed on village plan
- noted that the town plan is going to take precedent over village plan for the immediate future, has a finite deadline for renewal
  - immediate action to be taken on village plan re: speeding through the village - paved roads are about to have the lines repainted, removal of center line and addition of fog lines. Rudy makes a motion to recommend this to the select board, Gordon seconds, motion approved
  - Rudy emphasizes need to higher visibility speed limit signs and school zone signs coming into the village from the common
  - proposed creation of a task force to continue with implementation of D&K recommendations, will be established at June meeting
5. Town Plan rewrite
- Alison Lowe presented a summary of recommended actions from 2016 with suggested updates (copies of town plan available on town website)
- reiterates that VSA 24 Ch 117 ? Identifies what needs to be part of a town adopted plan

- For a full outline of the town plan, recommended actions from 2016, and proposed updates, see town website

- additional comments on:

- Land Use

- land use task force dissolved after three years, duties assigned to conservation commission and planning commission

- discussion of need for some level of governance regarding new construction in town

- PC will reach out to town clerk to receive additional information on new construction projects (issuance of 911 addresses, waste water permits)

- Alison Lowe will investigate waste water permits in the VT ANR atlas, is also curious about construction of new private roads

- Culture

- maintain village center designations (Common, Village, East Craftsbury)

- Utilities and Facilities

- look into state funding for feasibility planning for village wastewater

- Economy

- proposed Craftsbury Business Association never materialized

- appreciation for "competitive cooperation" between the two stores in town

- strong local food economy, Craftsbury residents are doing a good job buying from their

neighbors

- local broadband still seriously limited

- moving forward:

- on 6/19 the Conservation Commission will be having an information session, particularly addressing Article 171

- June 21 PC meeting will work to continue identifying development and land use trends with regard to Article 171 and habitat blocks

- NVDA hosting a webinar on June 7 at 4:30 on flood plain regulations

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm