

Craftsbury Planning Commission  
Draft Minutes, April 17

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

1. Lucas made a motion to approve the February minutes; seconded by Ross. Minutes approved.

2. Town Plan:

- A) Alison proposes that we have a Town Plan drafted for approval by late summer; the current plan expires June 16, which means we won't have a functioning town plan in the interim. Any efforts to extend the current plan would delay progress on the Town Plan rewrite. We do have a regional plan, however, which we can defer to. Farley made a motion to let the town plan expire and have the rewrite completed by the end of August for adoption at a public hearing. All aye. Motion passed.
- B) The Conservation Commission will review the Town Plan from 2016 and update the Planning Commission if anything needs to change.
- C) On May 13 the NVDA will host an event at the Highland Center for the Arts from 4:00-6:00 for flood-prone communities to provide updates on what to expect from updated floodplain regulations and maps.
- D) Each subcommittee will meet with Alison to review content from their section; we will review initial drafts of each section at our May meeting. Alison will be in touch to schedule.

2. Community Values Mapping: 52 community members in attendance. All groups highlighted the importance of working lands, and how they create the backdrop for so many of the attributes we appreciate about Craftsbury. There was a good exchange of stories and knowledge within each group. The 6 maps are currently being compiled at NVDA and the final heat map will be forthcoming.

3. Land Use Tools Workshop: Alison suggests we host this in September, once we are comfortable with a working draft of our Town Plan. This workshop will highlight tools and options that are being used statewide and are available to Craftsbury.

4. Hazard Mitigation Planning Group: Lucas gathered information for the group pertaining to flood review regulations and flood mapping. The conversation drew attention to the fact that the Planning Commission page on the town website needs updates (including groundwater map, permit information, Things to Think About When Building brochure). Farley suggests that we meet with Jeremiah and Michelle to create a system for notification of wastewater permits. Discussion about how to increase communication between different entities.

4. Membership: Farley will be in touch with the Selectboard about the next steps for filling the open seat on the Planning Commission.

5. Other business:

- A) Rudy notes that the “Welcome to Craftsbury” sign in front of the Elementary School is nearly falling over and needs a fresh coat of paint. Ross says he can help fix it up.
- B) Dave asks for an update on the water system up on the Common. Farley says the well is in the ground and now the infrastructure needs to be set in place to distribute the water.
- C) Dave asks about the status of the lines painted on the road. Farley is unaware of the timeline for the next painting, but will inquire with the Selectboard.

Farley made a motion to adjourn at 8:22. Rudy seconded. Meeting adjourned.