

Craftsbury Planning Commission Draft Minutes of August 17, 2023 Meeting

Present at Town Hall: Farley Brown, Chair, Lucas Schultz, Gordon Waterhouse, David Rowell, David Kochak, Reed Holden, Ross Davis, Phil Lovely, Alison Low, NVDA

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

- 1. Minutes of July 16, motion to approve by Farley, 2nd by David Rowell.
Approved.**
- 2. Town Plan Debrief.**
 - A. Maintain ecological balance. (Farley, Gordy and Ross) Stewardship is key-action language: will". Role of farmers, foresters, and owners. Views will be protected and preserved, e.g., the view from the top of the Borth Wolcott Road will be protected. Preserve wildlife and maintain public access to land for hunting and fishing as part of recreation in the community.**
 - B. Community Connections (Reed and Phil) Actively strive to maintain vibrant and inclusive community.**
 - C. Structure and Services. (Rudy, David R., Luke) Needs: more people, proper school buildings, more housing of all types. But where? From the existing plan: more solar placements and an update to the solar map. Need to update transportation section: add an EV Map and charging stations (Alison Low to canvas Kevin Gregoire), identify priority locations for EV chargers.**
 - D. Social Capital: (David K. and Allison) Working landscape, businesses, housing, community of all age's young to old. Significant changes: N2N emerged as key community support, new businesses, and diverse farms. Biggest challenges: maintaining forward momentum after Covid, floods, etc. Lack of housing, especially affordable housing. Suggestion to change topic title to "Social Connections".**
 - E. Next steps (Alison) She now believes that she has enough information to start writing. She needs to develop community survey and send it out. Farley to talk with the Conservation Commission no Monday August 221 re: 1st Recreation Outing.**
 - F. For next meeting: Draft of survey, working groups to meet to continue review of Plan sections.**
- 3. Craftsbury Village Plan: Tabled until September meeting.**
- 4. No other business. Motion to adjourn 2nd by Ross at 8:30pm**

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00pm.