



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission members present: Linda Baker (Chair - via Skype), Steve Barner, Jim Bralich and Deb Shelby

Planning Commission members absent: Rodney Pingree

Also present: Emily Nosse-Leirer (CCRPC)

Clerk: Carol Devlin

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
3. Minutes ~ November 28, 2016 and December 5, 2016
4. Prioritized Objectives
5. Action Steps Ranking
6. Community Profile: Place
7. Place – Final Edits
8. Hearing
9. Planning Commission Annual Report
10. Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission FY 18 Unified Planning Work Program
11. Future Meetings
12. Other communications/mail
13. Adjournment

Call to Order

Linda Baker called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 ~ Public Comment

The floor was opened to public comment. There were none.

Agenda Item 2 ~ Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

The floor was opened for additions and deletions to the agenda. Carol Devlin said there were two deletions. The CCRPC FY 18 UPWP will be discussed at the January 2017 PC meeting. We did not receive further comments on the Place section so there are no final edits.

Agenda Item 3 ~ Minutes ~ November 28, 2016 and December 5, 2016

Jim Bralich moved that the PC adopt the minutes of November 28, 2016. Deb Shelby seconded the motion. The motion carried (4-0).

There was an error on the second page of the December 5th minutes. Jim Bralich's name is incorrect. Deb Shelby moved that the PC adopt the minutes of December 5, 2016 as corrected. Steve Barner seconded the motion. The motion carried (4-0).

Agenda Item 4 ~ Prioritized Objectives

The Planning Commission came up with 78 objectives which were prioritized at the Community Forum on December 5, 2016. The top 5 priorities were:

1. Provide public services while maintaining a sustainable property tax rate, and will seek revenue sources beyond property taxes.
2. The Bolton Land Use and Development Regulations (BLUDRs) will be revised as appropriate to clarify them and increase their ease of interpretation, to ensure consistency with state politics and to advance the town's development goals.
3. Encourage Bolton Valley Resort to become a successful four-season resort able to thrive during an era of warmer weather and less snow.
4. Cooperate with key stakeholders such as the Green Mountain Club, the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, the Catamount Trail Association, the Climbing Access Resource Group, Bolton Valley Resort, Smilie School and local landowners to ensure that Bolton's recreational areas are protected, improved, sustainably managed and safe for all users.
5. Discuss the future of West Bolton with the community and determine the feasibility of increased "hamlet" development.

Agenda Item 5 ~ Action Steps Ranking

The Planning Commission decided to have a two-tiered system for the action steps. The first tier are action steps that are related to high priority objectives and/or have a high feasibility of being accomplished. Actions were rated on the benefit to the town, cost to the town and difficulty in order to help determine their feasibility. The PC went through all of the 171 action steps that have been compiled throughout the planning process. In order to keep the plan's to-do list more manageable and realistic, the PC cut almost 50 action steps. The remaining actions were placed in the 1st or 2nd tier with all the actions related to roads, zoning or resilience (e.g., emergency preparedness and planning) placed under a broad high priority category.

Agenda Item 6 ~ Community Profile: Place

Emily Nosse-Leirer collected a few written comments on the Community Profile: Place draft. The Planning Commission did not discuss it in detail in order to spend more time on the action steps.

Agenda Item 7 ~ Place -- Final Edits

Deleted from the agenda.

Agenda Item 8 ~ Hearing

The Planning Commission will warn the hearing on the Town Plan at its January meeting. The PC hearing will be Thursday, February 9, 2017. The PC will then revise the plan based on feedback at the hearing and submit the revised plan to the Select Board in mid-March for the SB hearing in mid-April.

Agenda Item 9 ~ Planning Commission Annual Report

The Planning Commission made minor changes to the annual report. Steve Barner moved that the PC approve the annual report as amended. Deb Shelby seconded the motion. The motion carried (4-0).

Agenda Item 10 ~ Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission FY 18 Unified Planning Work Program

Deleted from the agenda.

Agenda Item 11 ~ Future Meetings

- PC Meeting – January 9, 2017
- *PC Hearing on the Town Plan – February 9, 2017*
- PC Meeting – February 13, 2017

Agenda Item 12 ~ Other communications/mail

There were none.

Agenda Item 13 ~ Adjournment

Deb Shelby moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jim Bralich seconded. Motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Note: Steve Barner left before adjournment.

Carol Devlin
Clerk, Planning Commission

These minutes are unofficial until accepted.

These minutes were read and accepted by a quorum of the Planning Commission on:

____ January 9, 2017 _____



For the Planning Commission