

Town of Bolton  
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**Planning Commission Minutes**

August 15, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Planning Commission members present: Linda Baker, Steve Barner, Jim Bralich, Rodney Pingree

Planning Commission members absent: Jim Thornton

Clerk: Amy Grover

Also present: Greg Brown, CCRPC

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**Agenda**

1. Town Plan – Grant Work Plan: Education Facilities and Utilities and Facilities chapters.
  2. Town Plan – Purposes, goals, objectives
  3. Minutes June 6, 2005, July 18, 2005
  4. Election of officer – Vice Chair
  5. Other communications/mail
  6. Any other business
  7. Adjournment
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At the Select Board's request, the Planning Commission was put on the SB's agenda for brief discussion regarding the Bolton zoning regulations and conditional use review, from 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Please see the Select Board meeting minutes for further information regarding this discussion.

**Agenda Item #1 – Town Plan ~ Grant Work Plan: Education Facilities and Utilities and Facilities Chapters**

The PC reviewed the draft language for Educational Facilities and Utilities and Facilities provided by Greg Brown. It was noted that, and discussion included:

**Educational Facilities:**

- Add information regarding proposed/future development at Bolton Valley/Redstone which may impact projected enrollments.
- Act 60 to ACT 68: changes in school funding.
- Challenge to maintain enrollment of school at close to capacity to receive maximum funding.
- Greg to check on maximum capacity of Smilie School.

- Greg to check with Mike Gervia re: designation of school as an emergency shelter site and possibility of grant funding for generators.
- Add that the school can not be expanded; site is not conducive to expansion.
- Expansion would mean a separate building/new site.
- Correction to spelling of “Smilie.”

Utilities and Facilities:

1. Current Conditions -

- Greg to check with Eric Andrews re: current Town Garage condition.
- Dry hydrants and explore the possibility of hydrants on snowmaking lines.
- Add acquisition date of Preston Pond acreage.
- Add 15 acre parcel on the Winooski River.
- Rephrase, top of page #2: “There are currently community water and wastewater systems serving Bolton Valley, *Fernwood Manor*, and *Smilie School*. Because most town residents rely on on-site water supplies and wastewater, protection of *community* water supplies through *density and development requirements in “source protection areas” (SPAs)* is a critical element in the town’s land use regulations.

2. Utilities and Facilities Goals and Policies –

- Combine elements of #'s 4 and 6 into one statement.
- #5 – check regulations on defunct/disabled towers – removal?
- Discussion of depletion of aquifers that serve private lots.
- Add new: “The town should identify an aquifer suitable for a town owned community water supply, to be developed for future generations, and take steps in zoning districts to protect it from potential contamination or depletion.”

**Agenda Item #3– Minutes June 6, 2005 and July 18, 2005**

Rodney Pingree made the motion to accept the minutes of June 6, 2005. Jim Bralich seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Rodney Pingree made the motion to accept the minutes of July 18, 2005. Jim Bralich seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Agenda Item #4– Election of Vice Chair**

Tabled until a full quorum of the PC is present. Amy noted that Jim Thornton is selling his home and moving from Bolton, and will be vacating his seat on the PC in the near future.

**Agenda Item #5– Other communications/mail**

None

**Agenda Item #6– Any other business**

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is for Monday, September 12, 2005, 6 – 8 p.m. @ Smilie School.

Greg will provide for copies of maps for mark up.

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PC to review the existing town plan's goals, objectives, and purposes for the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Amy Grover

Clerk, Planning Commission

*These minutes are unofficial until accepted.*

These minutes were read and accepted by the Planning Commission on

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Linda Baker, Chair