

Town of Bolton
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Planning Commission Minutes

September 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

Planning Commission members absent: None (currently a 4-member board due to Jim Thornton's resignation).

Clerk: Amy Grover

Also present: Greg Brown, CCRPC

Agenda

1. Town Plan – Transportation draft review
 2. Town Plan – Purposes, goals, objectives
 3. Minutes August 15, 2005
 4. Other communications/mail
 5. Any other business
 6. Adjournment
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Agenda Item #1 – Town Plan – Grant Work Plan: Transportation Draft Review

Greg Brown noted that the Town Plan work plan is on schedule, according to the schedule previously drafted by Ian Macdougall. He added that the pieces remaining to be drafted were Natural Resource, update of objectives, goals and purposes, implementation program, and the relationship between the Bolton Town Plan and the Town Plans of adjacent (contiguous) towns. Greg added that

- There would be a large amount of material to be drafted and reviewed for the October meeting.
- The objective was for the drafting process to be complete by the October meeting, with a public forum occurring in late October or early November.
- The November meeting would incorporate changes from the PC and public input to the draft.
- The objective was to have a completed working draft of the Town Plan by December or January 2006.
- The Select Board would need to be apprised of the completion target date to discuss their adoption process options of the Town Plan

The Planning Commission reviewed the draft language for the Transportation element of the Town Plan. It was noted that and discussion included:

- The draft is based on current Town Plan language.
- The Town Plan indicates the importance of issues but does not delve into the details.
- Greg reviewed the Town Road Forman's reports for the last several years.
- Greg accessed information from MPO and AADT reports.
- The group discussed the AADT tables and causes for decrease in numbers. It was noted that the Jonesville Bridge had been out during the timeframe that was calculated.
- Greg noted that on some of the AADT tables only single year calculations were available for some routes so that trends were not recognized.
- Difficulty in current upkeep of paved roads was discussed, and the lack of adequate funding for additional paving by the state.
- Pavement vs. dirt roads, a barrier to development, greater degree of maintenance.
- Delete the third paragraph on page 2, which begins "While town residents..."
- Page 3, under #1, no other roads to be added, roads included sufficient.
- Page 3, #3, delete the word "land" in the sentence and add an explanation – why, since, because etc.
- Page 3, a. Change the language to clarify roads paved or portions paved only to prevent damage.
- Page 4, C. 1. Match specific language in the bylaws, stronger language: should to shall.
- Page 4, E. 1. Add: for example on state owned land at the intersection of RT 2 and the BV Road.
- Change numbering system throughout the draft.

Agenda Item #2 – Town Plan Purposes, Goals and Objectives

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints. Instead the group briefly reviewed the maps provided by CCRPC. It was noted that:

- A natural resource map should be added, designating SPA's.
- Information was lacking on the Recreation Map;
 1. Crag VT parcels not identified – "Lower West" and the newly purchased "Quarry."
 2. Preston Pond conserved acreage/trails not identified
 3. Green Mountain Club/Long Trail parcels not identified.

Amy will contact the Conservation Commission for their input/other parcels missing, and try to identify the parcels through parcel numbers on the Town tax map, and forward that information to Greg.

Agenda Item #3– Minutes August 15, 2005

Steve Barner made a motion to accept the minutes of August 15, 2005. Jim Bralich seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Other communications/mail

Amy read Jim Thornton’s official resignation letter to the group. She noted that an article would appear in the September Bolton gazette with notice of a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Agenda Item #5 – Any other business

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2005, 6 – 8 p.m. @ Smilie School.

Agenda Item #6 – 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