

Town of Bolton
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Planning Commission Minutes

December 12, 2005

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

Planning Commission members present: Linda Baker, Jenifer Andrews, Steve Barner, Rodney Pingree

Planning Commission members absent: Jim Bralich

Clerk: Amy Grover

Also present: Greg Brown, Samantha Tilotson (6:45p.m.) CCRPC

Agenda

1. Town Plan – Ongoing Final Review
 2. Minutes November 17, 2005
 3. Other communications/mail
 4. Any other business
 5. Adjournment
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Agenda Item #1 – Town Plan

Greg Brown introduced Samantha Tilotson to the Commission. Samantha will be stepping into to fill Greg's consultant position working with the Commission.

Greg Brown noted that he would be reviewing the BLUDR and the Town Plan draft with Sharon Murray to make certain that both documents are in sync.

Greg Brown noted that "goal" is what one wants to achieve, while the "policy" is a statement of intent.

The Planning Commission continued review of the latest updated final draft. It was noted that and discussion included:

Section 3. Transportation Plan

- Page 10, bottom bullet ~ noted in general, for Bolton this applies to the "town center" along the Route 2 corridor and potentially also to the Bolton Valley area.
- Page 12, G. "Continue the existing Town *practice* of not accepting new roads..."

Section 4. Educational Facilities

- Page 16, Table 5.1. Amy to contact School Board and/or CESU for data to complete table.

Section 6. Natural Resources

- It was noted that Tom Longstreth and Sharon Murray had responded via email with information/language that they would like to see in this section.
- Page 19, F. Note ~ moved to page 21 under policies.
- Page 20, i. Enlarge goal, re: wildlife corridor. Mention CCUP, i.e. Preston Pond acquisition. Greg to work on language. As wildlife corridors are better defined, add zoning overlays.
- Page 20. 6.3, second bullet. “*Maintain and* encourage naturally vegetated...” Delete “are encouraged” at the end of the sentence.
- Page 21, second bullet. “Employ geomorphological assessments to identify *adverse impacts* and to manage flooding and fluvial erosion hazards.” Greg to add language specifically re: Joiner Brook/Smilie School as a priority or particularly, and/or significant concerns, and then all brooks.
- Page 21, third bullet. Change language so that it does not read as if the Long Trail is the only reason for continued access.
- Page 21, sixth bullet, re: ATV’s. Discussion regarding the recent vote to repeal the ATV ordinance. Continue to review/draft language for this bullet.

Section 7. The Town Plan’s Relationship to Neighboring Towns.

- Greg Brown noted that there were no incompatibilities at Bolton’s borders.
- Page 25, 6. Note that the highest priority for regional plan is the metropolitan planning area.

Section 8. Energy

- Delete the first Ian sentence.

Linda Baker noted that the PC should be put on the Select Board’s agenda to ask for them to render an official decision regarding downgrading Class III roads. Amy will contact Deb.

The group reviewed draft maps for the Town Plan, and discussed what maps to include. Map discussion centered on the following:

1. Transportation, Utilities and Facilities.
2. Land Use (future?), include SPA.
3. Floodplains and Recreation. Include VAST, Long Trail, CRAGVT.
4. Conserved Lands.
5. Natural Resource Inventory: critical habitat, beech stands, nesting sites, Bicknell Thrush habitat etc.

Greg Brown noted that the PC was well within the projected timeline, and that a completed draft of the Town Plan should be available in March for Town Meeting.

The group determined that April 2006 will be the PC public hearing target date.

Agenda Item #2– Minutes November 17, 2005

Tabled until a quorum from the November meeting present. Linda will check Robert’s Rules for confirmation on proceeding.

Agenda Item #4– Other communications/mail

None.

Agenda Item #5 – Any other business

The Planning Commission welcomed Jenifer Andrews to the commission. Jenifer was appointed by the Select Board at their December 5th meeting to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of James Thornton.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2006, 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

_____, 2006.

Linda Baker, Chair