

Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
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Planning Commission Minutes

May 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

Planning Commission members absent: none

Clerk: Amy Grover

Also present: Samantha Tilton, CCRPC

Agenda

1. Town Plan – Ongoing Final Review
 2. Minutes April 13, 2006
 3. Other communications/mail
 4. Any other business
 5. Adjournment
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Agenda Item #1 – Town Plan

The Planning Commission continued to review Sharon Murray's comments and earmark which areas would be addressed in this rendition of the plan, and which would be deferred to the next update. It was noted that and discussion included:

1. Section 4. Utilities and Facilities
 - #7. Specific recommendations for study/need of central water/sewer system. Defer to next plan.
 - #8. Meeting space @ Town Office is covered on page 13.
 - #9. Fire Department. Add potential for need of fire equipment @ Bolton Valley. Add general statement about volunteerism.
 - #10. Capital improvement – defer.
 - #11. Emergency response plan. Make statement supporting the development of an emergency plan.
 - #12. Communication services. Add to Section 4.3 ~ other sites may be developed to give full access to areas that are currently without access. Promote high speed Internet in all areas of town, improve cellular access in town.
 - #13. Library. Do not address.
 - #14. Services. Add childcare inventory, senior services.

- #15. Community Watch. Promote the use of community watch ~ as a rural community do not have the funds and/or need for police services.
2. Section 5. Education Facilities.
 - #1. Enrollment trends. That information has been added to the plan.
 - #2. Capital improvement needs @ Smilie School. Include need for emergency response plan, shelter site/equipment, etc.
 - #3. Busing. Do not address.
 - #4. Community involvement in education. Do not address, covered in school board's report.
 3. Section 6. Natural Resources.
 - #1 Descriptive information. Move to front part of plan ~ set groundwork for rest of plan.
 - #2. Bicknell's Thrush habitat. Add written text vs. map.
 - #3. Natural areas management. Add Conservation Committee to be involved with management of natural areas.
 - #4. VAST/GMC/Catamount Trails. Add strong statement to keep and maintain trails for future use, include proposal for walking bridge across the Winooski River.
 - #5. Ecological management zones. Sam to contact Sharon for additional information and/or language.
 - #6. Deeryards. Deeryards recognized by the State are mapped, add additional text.
 - #7. Surface waters. Add additional information quality/headwaters etc. Sam to contact Lars Botzjourn or Tom Longstreth for information from C.C.
 - #8. Agricultural soils. Add map overlay to show where the primary agricultural soils are.
 - #9. Historic Sites/Register. Sam to check on listing from Deb for Historic Sites/places. Jen to check on history.

Sam to draft a vision statement and send out before the next meeting.

Agenda Item #2– Minutes March 27, 2006

Jim Bralich made the motion to accept the minutes of April 13, 2006. Jen Andrews seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3– Other communications/mail

Amy noted that she would contact Deb at the Town Office and Greg Brown @ CCRPC for paperwork needed for the grant closeout.

Agenda Item #4 – Any other business

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, 6 – 8 p.m. @ Smilie School.

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Agenda Item #6 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 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