

Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
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Planning Commission Minutes

May 31, 2006

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

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

Planning Commission members absent: Jim Bralich

Clerk: Amy Grover

Also present: Samantha Tilton, CCRPC

Agenda

1. Town Plan – Ongoing Final Review
 2. Minutes May 8, 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 7. Relationship to neighboring towns and the region.
 - Place Section at the end of the plan.
 - #3. ~ land use designations. Note that CCRPC does not have provisions for conservation, Bolton placed in "rural" planning area.
2. Section 8. Energy
 - #1. Energy coordinator – Sam to check authorization under state law, link with numbers 5,8, &9.
 - #2. Bulk propane facility is mentioned, add GMP substation on Green Mountain Drive, others? Transmission upgrades ~ encourage the re-routing of lines in West Bolton along the roads, and/or burying of lines.
 - #3. Note two companies provide service. Availability of 3-phase power an economic decision by the companies.
 - #4. No additional data needed.
 - #5. Encourage energy efficiency for town owned buildings and encourage considering alternatives when upgrading.

- #6. Addressed. Amy to check on location of town owned wood lots in West Bolton.
- #7. Addressed.
- #8 and #9. Link together with #1.
- Steve to draft some language regarding outdoor furnaces and send to Sam. Amy to send Steve Sam's email address.

Section 9. Housing

- #1 ~ #3. Yes, plans still reads as very CCRPC oriented, reword and/or shorten to read as more of "who we are," i.e. a small development would bring a large impact, issues of steep slopes and ridgelines, skew language toward Bolton versus Chittenden County. Stress that Bolton has a more than sufficient affordable housing units, has already met the target goal of 2010, include price table.
- #4. Amy to check on meals on wheels, let Sam know.
- #5. Sam to contact Bolton Valley for information regarding seasonal employee housing.
- #6. Yes, include information on Fernwood Manor.
- #7. Addressed.
- #8. Not needed.

Section 10. Implementation.

- #1 ~ #3. Sam to draft language. Create a table of policies, rank and prioritize, who, timeline, funding etc. Make a good start for the next update.
- Add encourage self-sufficiency; encourage use of Ag lands for farming.
- Add seek funding, plan, and provide for upkeep and restoration of National Historic Register Properties, the Preston/Lafreniere Farm and "Honey Hollow Camp."

Agenda Item #2– Minutes May 8, 2006

Steve Barner made the motion to accept the minutes of May 8, 2006. Jen Andrews seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3– Other communications/mail

None.

Agenda Item #4 – Any other business

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, 6 – 8 p.m. @ Smilie School.

Agenda Item #6 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Amy Grover

Clerk, Planning Commission

These minutes are unofficial until accepted.

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These minutes were read and accepted by the Planning Commission on
_____, 2006.

Linda Baker, Chair