

Town of Bolton  
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**Planning Commission Minutes**

October 16, 2006

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

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

Planning Commission members absent: None

Clerk: Amy Grover

Also present: Samantha Tilton, CCRPC

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**Agenda**

1. Town Plan – Ongoing Final Review
  2. Minutes September 25, 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 draft #12 of the Town Plan, dated October 11, 2006. It was noted that and discussion included:

- At Sam's suggestion, the PC decided they would like to have the Town Plan informally reviewed by another senior planner at CCRPC.

**Section 5. Educational Facilities**

- Sam checked on the future capacity for Smilie School with the Department of Education, and was told by the D.O.E. that there were no limitations in place. The group noted that during the process of the 5 classroom pod addition project, it was noted then that the project would be the final allowed expansion, due in part to the acreage of the parcel. Linda will double check with the D. O. E.

**Section 6. Natural Resources**

- Sam noted that the natural resource information held by CCUP was not available for public access, noting that the information included a natural resource inventory.
- VTLCT had general information available, but no specific numbers/data in conjunction with the municipal boundaries.

- Steve will contact Tom Longstreth regarding any natural resource inventories done by the Bolton CC.

#### Section 9. Implementation

- Sam asked if the PC felt this section was strong enough to give sufficient direction and structure for the next five years, especially with respect to development and historic preservation.
- Check with other towns to see how they handle identifying their top priorities, i.e. a checklist?
- Identify biggest pressing issue/s for Bolton.

#### Section 11. Plan's Relationship

- Sam noted she had completely updated this section to be in conformity with CCRPC's newly adopted Regional Plan, and that this draft does completely apply.
- Jen noted that this section should cite and note the need for bordering communities to work together to address transportation issues, protection of natural resources etc. Note that we all are in this together as part of a larger community, and that each town does not operate alone.

#### Agenda Item #2– Minutes September 25, 2006

Jen Andrews made the motion to accept the minutes of September 25, 2006. Rodney Pingree seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

#### Agenda Item #3– Other communications/mail

None.

#### Agenda Item #4 – Any other business

The group discussed the timeline for the Town Plan adoption process, and tentatively has scheduled January 2007 for the start of the hearing process. This will allow for the ad hoc committee re-reviewing the steep slopes provision of the BLUDR to conclude, with an opportunity to then update the Town Plan with any changes resulting from that process. If there are major changes, the January date may need to be pushed further forward to allow for drafting language and input.

As the majority of the PC members are participating in the above mentioned ad hoc committee, there will be no regular PC meeting in the month of November. The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006, 6 – 8 p.m. @ Smilie School.

#### Agenda Item #6 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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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