



Town of Bolton
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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2014
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Bolton Town Office

Planning Commission members present: Jenifer Andrews, Linda Baker (Chair), Steve Barner, and Rodney Pingree

Planning Commission members absent: Jim Bralich

Also present: Sharon Murray (SB & DRB)

Clerk: Carol Devlin

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Minutes ~ April 14, 2014
3. Town Plan – Overview of what needs to be done and develop a timeline
4. Definitions – Received from Lars Botzjorns
5. Other communications/mail
6. Any other business
7. Adjournment

Call to Order

Linda Baker called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Agenda Item #1 ~ Public Comment

The floor was opened to public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item #2 ~ Minutes April 14, 2014 Meeting

Steve Barner made a motion to accept the minutes of April 14, 2014. Linda Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor (3 – 0), motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 ~ Town Plan – Overview of What Needs to be Done and Develop a Timeline

The PC discussed several issues that will figure prominently in the Town Plan: flooding, the amount of conserved land, the potential for development in Bolton, housing, the impact of climate change.

Linda Baker has started a draft of the Natural Resources section and asked for input on what should be included. Significant Natural Resources issues include: protection of habitats/contiguous forests and the importance of maintaining safe connectivity; ground water; well protection; ridgelines; trails, logging (protection of access to upland areas in development), current use land; protection of Conservation funds; and air quality.

Evacuation of the town during emergencies was also discussed.

The PC needs to create a list of all studies done in the town since 2005 (e.g., Joiner Brook, the land slide survey and ECOS).

The PC would like to increase community input in the Town Plan. They discussed ways of doing so including short surveys on sections and community meetings to discuss specific sections.

Carol Devlin will create binders for each PC member with important documents re: the Town Plan update.

Agenda Item #4 ~ Natural Resources Definitions

Lars Botzjoorns (CC) wrote definitions to be used for the Natural Resources Section of the Town Plan and the regulations. The PC will look at them when it returns to that section.

Agenda Item #5 ~ Other communications/mail

Kate McCarthy – Request for update

The PC decided not to request additional technical assistance because it is working on the Town Plan.

VLTC – Spring Planning & Zoning Forum – 6/4/14

Mountain Gazette – Safety at the Bolton Potholes

Strong Communities Quarterly

4x4 Center Letter to Environmental Commission

Richmond – Proposed Changes to the Zoning Regulations

Richmond – Interim Zoning – Public Hearing for Interim Zoning Proposal

Richmond – Adopted Jolina Court Interim Zoning District

Duxbury – Draft Town Plan – Public hearing 6/12/14 at 7 p.m.

Agenda Item #6 ~ Any Other Business

The next meeting will be June 9. If the information on the FY 14-15 Municipal Planning Grant is available that will be on the agenda.

A list of mountains in Vermont only lists one in Bolton. It was agreed that the PC should look into this.

Rodney Pingree will contact the State Geologist re: applying for a survey.

Sharon Murray brought the PC up-to-date on the SB's work on ancient roads.

Agenda Item #7 ~ Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carol Devlin
Clerk, Planning Commission

These minutes are unofficial until accepted.

These minutes were read and accepted by a quorum of the Planning Commission on:

June 9, 2014

For the Planning Commission