

**Town of Vershire Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Vershire Town Center.**  
**There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone.**

**Attendance:** Gregory Wilson-co-chair, Eleanor Zue-co-chair, Seann Cram, Gretchen Harvey-secretary, and Meghan Asbury-TRORC,

**Call to Order:** G. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**Agenda Review & Modifications:** Not at this time.

**Public & Staff Comments:** None at this time.

**Discussion and Revisions to Town Plan sections on Housing, Energy, and Natural**

**Resources/Current & Future Land Use:** There were significant technical difficulties this evening, as well as the fact that M. Asbury is recovering from Covid and could only meet for a limited time. The group decided to focus almost entirely on incorporating suggestions made at the Natural Resources forum held on 9/27/23.

G. Wilson asked that Earth Jurisprudence inform the Town Plan where it makes sense. For a general definition: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth\\_jurisprudence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_jurisprudence) “Earth jurisprudence seeks to expand our understanding of the relevance of governance beyond humanity to the whole Earth community, it is Earth-centric rather than anthropocentric [and] is intended to provide a philosophical basis for the development and implementation of human governance systems, which may include ethics, laws, institutions, policies and practices.”

M. Asbury made some additional edits to the TP in various sections of the shared Google doc as the discussion progressed. These ought to have the date of the edit (10/11/23) for those commissioners who were absent. If there are additional comments on chapters already discussed, they can be added. M. Asbury requests that these revisions not be overdone.

G. Wilson also reminded M. Asbury that the PC intends to include a new section with the working title: *Community*. He is currently seeking language and input from various community groups and committees that are engaged in enhancing community cohesion in Vershire. E. Zue is interested in working on this section and would like to have all the community groups listed in the document. She will ask the Cemetery Committee to provide a summary of its mission/work in Vershire.

All agreed that with the holidays approaching, the PC would forgo in-person meetings until January 2024. The PC, however, will check in with M. Asbury via email during the week of October 23rd and it will continue to work on suggested revisions to the TP prior to our next in-person meeting. **The next in person meeting will be Wed. January 10, 2024. M. Asbury will attend.**

**Approval of Minutes:** E. Zue moved to approve the meeting minutes of 9/13/23 and the forum minutes of 9/27/23 with a request to delete her and Justin Will's names from the latter meeting because they could not hear the presentation. Seann Cram seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements/Other:** G. Harvey will ask J. McIntyre for the link to the Nature Conservancy's mapping tool in re: resilience. She will also remind A. Hoopes, Dev. Admin., to send monthly summaries of his activities to the PC for inclusion in the minutes.

**Activity Report from Dev. Admin. A. Hoopes: Sept. through Dec. 2023**

Approved a permit for an extension onto a house.

Approved a permit for a sugar shack

Approved two sign permits

Approved a permit to repurpose a barn.

Approved a permit for an out building

Collected fines for past improvements on 2 buildings and negotiated the removal of a 3rd building until a permit to construct is acquired in a new location.

**Adjourn:** G. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. E. Zue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.