

Town of Vershire Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:00pm at Vershire Town Center building.
There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone.

Attendance: Gregory Wilson-chair, Eleanor Zue-vice chair, Nate Thames, Justin Will, Bob Perkins, Gretchen Harvey-secretary, Reva Seybolt, and Debra Kingsbury.

Call to Order: G. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

Agenda Review & Modifications: None at this time.

Public & Staff Comments: None at this time.

Approval of Minutes: G. Wilson moved to approve the meeting minutes from 4/12/23 as written. E. Zue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Preparing for Education Special Topic Meeting 5/24: G. Wilson wants to consider following up with Emergency Services folks in order to develop a more robust picture of the needs in Vershire. It was noted that there used to be an Emergency Management group formed to respond to Tropical Storm Irene (2011). Currently, A. Herrington represents Vershire on the Board of Directors of TRORC. G. Wilson will follow up with her, Jack Kruse, and others to find out the best way to solicit more feedback on Emergency Services for the purpose of revising this section of the Town Plan.

N. Thames is willing to facilitate the Education Topic Forum scheduled for Wednesday 5/24. G. Wilson will Promote the meeting and issue invitations to representatives from the Mountain School and TO those involved with area preschools, after school programs, summer camp, and adult education. Eleanor Zue will invite Peet Pearson and N. Thames will find out who runs Westshire's after-school program. G. Wilson suggested that a town plan can provide a vision to encourage a healthy adult/life-long educational environment and provide a guide for municipal government and nonprofits to support affordable and equitable educational opportunities for Vershire residents..

Planning for Kick-off meeting with Meghan Asbury-TRORC on June 14th: M. Ashbury wants to come discuss the process for writing the town plan on June 14.

Planning Commissioner(s) election May 21st: Voters will select 3 Planning Commissioners at the May 21st town meeting. G. Wilson and J. Will intend to run again, and Seann Cram is interested in running for the open seat. N. Thames will look for a candidate to replace him on the commission but is committed to staying if no one can be found.

Old Business:

Audio recording of Town and Emergency Services Meeting 4/26/23: G. Harvey summarized in an email the results of this forum for the PC. She is not certain that it is worth the time to listen to the audio recording. But it remains available if anyone wants to access it.

ADU Workshops May 6, 2023 at the Home Creators Expo, Hartford, VT.: G. Wilson and G. Harvey summarized their attendance at this workshop. G. Harvey will send her handouts to D. Kingsbury for copying and then make them available if anyone wants to learn more about the process of creating an ADU (accessory dwelling unit) in Vershire.

Announcements: On May 3, 2023 “On Point” [WBUR] on *Why Americans are Leaving Big Cities Behind* <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510053/on-point>

Adjourn: G. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. N. Thames seconded. The motion passed unanimously.