

Town of Vershire Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 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, Meghan Asbury, and Gretchen Harvey-secretary, and Andrea Herrington.

Call to Order: G. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Agenda Review & Modifications: None at this time.

Public & Staff Comments. Andrea Herrington wanted to let the PC know that those towns that have not begun their Town Plan update work are being put on hold for a year to allow for VT State level changes that are expected. The TRORC board will be meeting over the summer to continue working on the regional plan and she will report back to the PC periodically. As far as adapting Vershire's plan to these anticipated changes, the extent of the work would depend on how compatible the Town Plan is with the Regional Plan when finished. She also wanted to let the PC know that the Wilder Dam on the Ompompanoosuc River is up for its 40-year license renewal and that public comments will be solicited by Hydro Quebec. Justin Willeau's nomination as Board alternate to TRORC has been approved by the Selectboard.

Approval of Minutes: S. Cram moved to approve the minutes of 4/10/24. G. Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meghan Asbury - TRORC: led the discussion to approve changes made to the following chapters:

Transportation: Meghan needs the culvert update information since the last plan was approved. G. Harvey will inquire.

Current and Future Land Use: There seemed to be a consensus on updating the language in headings and in the chapters so that we move away from the word "use" to words that better capture the reciprocal relationships that occur between non-human nature and humans.

M. Asbury asked about the Community Survey. She is willing to help create a survey tool and perhaps can find some resources to fund its creation. She will share the survey implemented by the Town of Hartford, which focused 14 questions on economic development in that municipality.

Natural Resources & Scenic and Historic Resources & Recreation—The PC will revisit this chapter after some research into the historical documents (gifting

of land docs regarding Eagle Hollow Ledges and Patterson Mountain) is done.

Energy (suggested edits here and and throughout the Plan—determine where appropriate)

Review: GOALS, POLICIES, & RECOMMENDATIONS for each section of each of these chapters.

Identify chapters for review next time:

The meeting in June ought to focus on Utilities and Facilities, Emergency Services, and revisit the flood resilience topic. Also discuss the best timing of a public forum to preview the TP revisions to date.

Announcements/Other:

Adjourn: G. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. E. Zue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.