

Town of Vershire Planning Commission Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Vershire Town Center.
There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom.

Attendance: Gregory Wilson-co-chair, Eleanor Zue-co-chair, Justin Willeau, Meghan Asbury (via Zoom), and Helen Wilson-secretary. Guests: Michele Massa and Russell Kelly

Call to Order: G. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Agenda Review & Modifications:

Addition to Agenda: Application for subdivision permit, Michele Massa and Russell Kelly from 36 Parker Rd, Vershire.

Public & Staff Comments: None at this time.

Approval of Minutes: G. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of 6/12/24. Eleanor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about subdivision permit, with Michele Massa and Russell Kelly. The question is whether or not a survey is required for a permit to subdivide land. They are planning a subdivision of 10.2 acre parcel, to be used for agriculture, fruit trees, sugaring, etc. The Planning Commission can re-convene as the Development Review Board to make the determination. (Note: After the meeting was adjourned, the pertinent statutes were located, and it was determined that the survey is required. Michele will be notified and the DRB does not need to meet.)

Town plan sections:

Utilities and facilities

Recent edits were reviewed. Noted: Need new description for Town Garage. Trash/recycling information needs updating.

Telecommunications and internet, Wireless voice and data sections updated. Do we want to develop maps of desirable and non-desirable locations for cell towers, or recommend developing such a map? Meghan will explore whether other towns are doing that as part of the town plan process.

Act 250 changes: Meghan will follow up to see if she can help with that.

Emergency Services

Where are our repeater towers? Does the town need to do more to make communications more effective.

Emergency Committee (Kyle Katz of TRORC) meeting Monday, August 19 at 6 pm. "Hazard Mitigation Plan Update" on local disaster mitigation plans. After that meeting, we will reconsider other needs.

What responses can VFR provide? Both Gregory and Meghan will contact Steve Ward and Jack Kruse to help write this section of the plan.

Our LEMP (Local Emergency Management Plan) will be referenced in the Town Plan. Do we have an e911 coordinator in Vershire? Eric Gilbert is the local contact person for wider area.

Flood resilience topic

Some information could be moved from the town plan to the flood mitigation plan. There is an updated bylaw on flooding

Scenic and Historic Resources & Recreation

Updates to this section will wait for suggestions from G. & M. Harvey. They will work on edits to this section by examining the original gifting documents of two recreational land parcels [Eagle Hollow Ledges & Patterson Mountain] and by talking to those involved in establishing public access to these areas. It will also be good to update the language in this section and make sure to include mention of the importance of The Cross Rivendell Trail-Vershire section.

New Business:

This is Justin's last meeting. Michele Massa volunteered to join the commission. Motion to recommend adding Michele Massa to the Planning Commission. Gregory moved, Justin seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will go to the Selectboard.

Community Survey

There is an online version (Google form). A paper version will be available to distribute at recycling.

Focus for September 11 Meeting:

Meghan will attend in person. That will include a **Public Forum**.

Announcements/Other: None.

Adjourn: G. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Justin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.