

**Town of Vershire Planning Commission Public Hearing Minutes DRAFT
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Vershire Town Center.**

Attendance: Gregory Wilson-co-chair, Eleanor Zue-co-chair, Seann Cram, Helen Wilson-secretary, Meghan Asbury (TRORC Planner) Guests: Gretchen Harvey, Mark Harvey, Aaron Hoopes, Development Officer, Eileen Murphy, Earl Robinson, Ted (??)

Call to Order: G. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions and hear comments about the 2025 Draft Town Plan.

Introduction of PC members and other attendees. Gregory introduced the Plan, pointing out that a theme of the plan is sustainability in light of increased flooding and other pressures on town resources, while continuing the commitment to maintaining Vershire's rural character

First question/discussion centered around the role of the Planning Commission in creating Ordinances. It was clarified that the PC can suggest Ordinances to the Selectboard, but has no role in approving or enforcing them. When discussing development issues, the PC meets as the Development Board of Adjustment.

Other questions from the floor were for purposes of clarification and updating data from the previous plan. Eileen pointed out a number of places where the plan needs to be edited to match the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, noting that the LHMP is also focused on preparing for future flood events.

Meghan has highlighted the sections that still need updating (such as the information on the roads and garage, and the Ely Mine clean-up, which began recently). Gretchen will help update the Transportation section, and Seann will help update the Ely Mine section.

Next regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 11th.

Announcements/Other: None.

Adjourn: Gregory moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Eleanor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.