

**Royalton Planning Commission: December 29, 2014**

Called to Order by Chair Tim Dreisbach at 6:30 PM

Present: Tim Dreisbach, Chair  
Jim Rikert  
Mark Wood  
Roni Johnson  
Joshua "Bushrod" Powers  
Beth Wilhite

Absent: David Brandau  
Alison Gravel  
Bob Slattery

Guest: Chris Sargent, TRORC

Agenda Minutes for Public Hearing at Town Meeting  
Monday, December 29, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Agenda Overview: led by Chris Sargent, TRORC

- Summary of Town Plan Drafting: Regional Planning for updates to the Royalton Town Plan began in 2013 to facilitate reflection and application of state law. Town Plan underwent changes to accommodate for state requirements to include modern developments such as energy, town designations, and floodplains.
- Process of Town Plan Draft: The process to update the Royalton Town Plan began with the Royalton Town Plan Survey, completed 6/30/14. The survey inquired with Royalton citizenry for preferences towards economic development. Following the survey's completion, members of the Royalton Planning Commission began drafting elements of economic development for a modern town plan.
  - Presently, the Planning Commission will present the Town Plan Draft to Selectboard members to oversee any changes to the draft before any internal voting
    - Selectboard will further schedule a public hearing on February 2, 2015 to officiate Town Plan
- Following Drafting: Today, at the Public Hearing, in regards to the Town Plan, the Planning Commission will accept public comments
  - Round 1 of public comments will then be evaluated before submission to Selectboard
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Public Comments

- Discussion ensued regarding changes to be made
- Page 15 Statistics
- Page 30, line 13-14; strike out "south of the White River does not cover village center"
  - Whereas, another public comment agrees with reference
- Page 31, line 7; make "amend" operative term instead of "Monitor and maintain
- Page 34, line 34; move lines 13-17 as additions to line 34
- Page 32, line 25; clarify where Royalton only has partial access to fiber connectivity

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- Page 31, line 40; update reference to water meter connections
- Page 37, lines 4-10; update paragraph to reflect which institutions are still in existence
- Additions of maps within report following an update to table of contents to reflect appendix pages with maps
- Elderly Housing Chapter additions: request to consider elderly housing options for the Royalton village
  - Citizen of Royalton, Sandy will draft a segment to be added to this chapter before the Planning Commission submits the Town Plan Draft to Selectboard
- Tailor Energy Chapter to clarify language around authority and use of “shall” versus “should”
- Page 35, line 9; change sentence to reflect that culvert inventory is regularly taken
- Recreational Chapter additions needed to reflect current activities
- Page 69, line 17; add “operations” to read that financing for development in education will affect the both facilities and operations.

\*\*\*Public Hearing Closed\*\*\*

Planning Commission Meeting Called to Order at 7:50 PM by Chair Tim Driesbach

Motion to Accept Public Comments: Plan as drafted amended with one exception (Page 30, line

- Moved by Bushrod
  - Seconded by Beth
  - Passed Unanimously

Motion to omit “South of the White River” on Page 30, line 13-14

- Moved by Bushrod
  - Seconded by Beth
  - Discussion ensued
    - “South of the White River” does not fall within Village center designation
    - Motion carries with 3:1, 1 abstention
      - Language struck from document

Motion to submit Town Plan Draft to Selectboard pending corrections

- Moved by Tim
  - Seconded by Roni
  - Passed unanimously

Future Meeting: Discuss various means for publication and advertisement of Town Plan to Royalton citizenry

Next Meeting: January 12, 2015 at 6 PM EST at Royalton Academy Building

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Motion to Adjourn

- Moved by Mark
  - Seconded by Roni
  - Adjourned at 8:16 PM
  - Submitted: Sandy El Hage, Recording Secretary