

Work Session of the Planning Commission
September 28, 2015 – Town Hall, Greensboro, Vermont
Re: Town Plan Update

In Attendance: Mark Snyder, Linda Romans, Phil Gray (Chair), Joe Wood, David Miltenberger and Dylan Laflam
Also in Attendance: Kristen Leahy, Zoning Administrator (ZA), Anne Harbison, and Martha Niemi

A review was made of the minutes from the work session on September 14, 2015. No changes were made. Motion to accept Minutes was made by Dylan Laflam and seconded by Mark Snyder. All members were in favor.

Phil reported that Willie Smith would be stepping down after 28 years of service to the GPC. At the GPC's request, Kristen will forward a suggestion to the Select Board that Willie should be commended for her many years of service. ***(An email to this effect was sent and received by Susan Wood on September 30, 2015 – Kristen).***

The Selectboard will be notified by Kristen that a spot is available on the GPC. ***(This was also done by email on 9/30/15 - ads have been placed in town, in the 10/7/15 Gazette, on the Town website and FPF. A new member should be chosen by October 28, 2015 – Kristen).***

Kristen handed out copies of the draft version of the municipal planning grant budget. The grant would pay for the services of Alison Low at NVDA to assist in a comprehensive community assessment. The grant would also cover materials such as postage for the survey, etc. The grant will be submitted by September 30, 2015. ***(The grant was submitted on 9/29/15 – Kristen).*** The Commission also received copies of the previously completed RPC (Regional Planning Commission – NVDA) review of the Greensboro Town Plan. This review highlights the deficiencies of the current plan and highlights the existing state planning goals.

Mark introduced a flyer from Craftsbury and a discussion was held about the Community visits which are facilitated by the Vermont Council on Rural Development. Kristen reported that she has talked to the Council and this is definitely a possibility for the future in Greensboro.

Dylan asked about the Greensboro Association and requested an explanation of their role in the planning/zoning process. Phil provided a general overview of the GA and reported that they gave input on the proposed bylaw changes. Kristen supplied an answer that the GA is utilized as another tool to do community outreach.

Discussion was held about the various sections of the Town Plan and the need for committees. Joe will need a committee for economic development. Mark is not certain whether one will be needed for energy or if the town's energy committee will be sufficient.

Dylan reported that the Utilities and Facilities section will need to intermesh more thoroughly with the energy section. Dylan and Mark will work together on that aspect.

Land Use will need two committees – one which focuses on Greensboro Bend (Dylan and Mark), and one which focuses on Natural Resources/Agricultural/Land Use aspects in the Rural Lands district (Linda and David).

Other sections will need extensive input from community members but not necessarily a committee – Transportation (Kristen will speak to Naomi about this section), Utilities and Facilities, Education, Housing, Recreation.

Three committees will need to be formed.

GPC discussion was then centered on the agenda for the next meeting. Members were asked to bring their feedback to the Craftsbury survey. The suggestion was that they should speak to five additional people about their ideas.

Joe made the request that the agenda be more specific in the future. Kristen will make this change to the agenda and will provide the GPC members with the opportunity to add to the agenda prior to the meeting date.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Kristen Leahy, Zoning Administrator

Who is Responsible for Each Section?

- I. Section 1 History (Proof reading – Okay as is) **Willie Smith**
- II. Section 2 Major Objectives **N/A**
- III. Section 3 Population (Written with NVDA)
- IV. Section 4 Land Use **Mark Snyder & Dylan Laflam (Greensboro Bend emphasis), Linda Romans**
- V. Section 5 Transportation **Kristen Leahy**
- VI. Section 6 Utilities and Facilities **Dylan Laflam**
- VII. Section 7 Natural Resources **David Miltenberger, Linda Romans**
- VIII. Section 8 Education **Phil Gray and Dylan Laflam**
- IX. Section 9 Energy **Mark Snyder and Dylan Laflam**
- X. Section 10 Housing (Written with NVDA) **Joe Wood**
- XI. Section 11 Economic Development **Joe Wood and Kristen Leahy**
- XII. Section 12 Recreation **Kristen Leahy**
- XIII. Section 13 Flood Resiliency (Written in 2014/15) (Proof reading Essentially) **Phil Gray**
- XIV. Section 14 Regional Impact