

## Meeting Minutes - Planning Commission 5-16-18

1. Attendees: Dan Predpall, David Miltenberger, Ellen Celnik, Carol Fairbank, Jerilyn Virden, Christine Armstrong (via Facetime). Kent Hansen absent.
2. Approve April's Meeting Minutes The April meeting minutes were approved.
3. Welcome New Members (Carol Fairbank, Jerilyn Virden, Kent Hansen) New members were welcomed. Excerpts from the Municipal Code regarding Planning Commissions was distributed and discussed. The purpose and responsibilities of the Planning Commission was described.
4. Draft Economic Opportunities Section The draft was distributed for comment. The document includes a list of businesses in Greensboro. If any were left out, let Dan know. Also, the document includes a summary of the interviews Dan conducted with business owners.
5. Draft Utilities and Facilities Section This document was distributed for comment. Christine asked that the document be separated into two sections: private and public facilities. Christine will provide additional comments.
6. Status of Open Sections The only open section is Education. Christine will send in the "latest" version of this section. It will be revised later.
7. Bend Revitalization Initiative Dan discussed the April 23rd Bend Revitalization Initiative Meeting. A group was formed of Greensboro residents who have an interest in helping the Bend (an outgrowth of the Town Meeting, where concern was expressed about the Bend). The results are in the Handout. Four "teams" were established: Habitat for Humanity Approach to helping the Bend (volunteerism); Funding (applying for grants, etc.); Restoring Dilapidated Houses (into apartments for workforce housing); and Incubator/Commercial Park for the Bend. These teams met on May 16th. The teams were given instructions for proceeding.
8. Lakeview School Status Meeting May 10 The school held a meeting on May 10th to discuss the problems facing the school. A communication team was established to help inform the community about the challenges. On June 30th the state will release a report under Act 46 that may indicate what options are available to the Lakeview School.
9. Public Meetings in August/September The Planning Commission must hold public meetings to inform the community about the new Town Plan. One meeting will be held on August 20th at 7PM in the Greensboro Village and a second meeting will be held on August 30th in the Bend. Locations will be determined (e.g. Lakeview School and St. Michaels's Church) The format for the meeting must be determined. A presentation along with face-to-face provides benefits. Copies of the draft Town Plan will be put in the Library and Town Center, and on the website. An article will be written for the Gazette. Notices will be posted at Willey's, Smith's and the two post offices. The Greensboro Association will be asked to announce the meetings to their membership. Alison Low will be invited to attend.
10. Energy Survey from Efficiency Vermont We received a survey from Efficiency Vermont regarding the Energy Plan. It was completed and returned. The survey form appears to be a good checklist for us. Dan asked EV for a hard copy. Carol said she would try to get an Energy Committee started (Greensboro needs one!).
11. UVM PLACE Study Clive Gray raised funds for UVM to conduct a PLACE Study, which will examine the natural resources and historical events of the Bend to give the Bend residents a "sense of place". This study should fit in nicely with the Revitalization Initiative.

12. Council on Rural Development Presentation The Selectboard has invited a representative from the Council on Rural Development to describe their “community visits” program. The CRD conducts a comprehensive evaluation of a town and helps them with a variety of state resources. The Planning Commission should attend. The presentation will be in late June.
13. Assignments to Planning Commission Staff Going forward, here are some things we need to do:
  - a) Carol, Jerilyn and Kent will review the existing draft Town Plan. I am asking Audrey to create four files (Chapters 1-4), which will be distributed to everyone. We’ll need to set up a process for dealing with comments.
  - b) We will participate in the Bend revitalization Initiative. One Commission member will join each of the four teams. Ellen is on the Habitat team, Carol is on the Incubator team, Jerilyn will join the Funding team, and Christine will join the Dilapidated House team. The main purpose of this effort is to monitor the progress of these teams and ensure that the Commission’s efforts and the Town Plan are consistent with what the community is focused on.
  - c) Going forward, as we complete the Plan this summer, we need to start focusing on the actions stipulated in the Plan. While we don’t have the responsibility to implement all of these actions (there are 60 of ‘em) we must encourage other organizations to work on them, as appropriate. Also, we will implement a few of the actions. Note that implementation will stretch over seven years or so. I am asking each member of the Commission to select one “discipline” to focus on going forward (e.g. energy, housing, natural resources, transportation, flood resiliency, recreation/cultural resources, economic opportunities). For example, I will take Flood Resiliency. I will work with the Town to ensure that actions are implemented to comply with regulations associated with this discipline. Let me know which one you are interested in. Let’s have these assignments established for the next meeting (June 13th).
14. Adjourn