

**Town of Danby**  
**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**October 3, 2024**

**Town Office, Danby, VT 6:00pm**

<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>

**Zoom Meeting I.D. – 876 9010 0162**

Attendees: Shelley Taylor, Drea Stoddard, Don Keeler, Dave Powers Greg Heaton (ZOOM)

Absent – Hilda Haines & Mike Powers

Public – Hillary Solomon, Bill Payne

Virtual – Renata Aylward, Annette Smith

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Shelley Taylor
- Remote Access Statement
- Set Agenda
  - Old Business
    - Revisit land use maps – table with larger maps
  - New Business
    - Recap of presentation at Smokey House
    - RRPC update
  - Motion to set agenda by Drea Stoddard seconded by Dave Powers
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Approval of previous meeting Minutes
  - Motion by Don Keeler seconded by Dave Powers
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
  - None
- Hillary Solomon – PMNRCD
  - Project updates
  - Flower Brook Water Shed
    - Sediment coming out of head waters
      - Walked the stream
      - Observed sliding of sediment
    - Glacier till area, dropped parts of rocks and particles
      - On the small scale compared to other similar watersheds
    - It is possible to stabilize some portions of it
      - Doesn't want to propose projects unless funding is available
    - A lot of land was cleared
      - Leave trees that fall in the stream
      - Help with holding sediment back
        - Some areas would be safe to leave them in and other areas could contribute to more damage down the line

- Marble in the past has been used to help line some water ways to assist in sediment retention
  - Potential culvert projects that could qualify for funding projects
    - Land and Water Conservation Fund
  - Flower Brook Bridge
    - Coming from the fish conservation area
    - Concern about losing the pool of water available for the fire department
  - Revisit parts of the plan that Hillary can assist with clean water projects
    - Set something up for the spring
- Old Business
  - Revisiting land use maps because they are out of date
    - Larger maps have been picked up
  - Will review during next meeting
- New Business
  - Smokey house Community Outreach meeting – trail revitalization
    - Greg Heaton and Shelley Taylor attended
    - Want to make trail use more aligned with their mission
    - Was expecting to discuss making it a destination place for recreation
    - Was the first of many meetings
      - It is based off a planning grant
      - Would like more community input
    - Encouraged to do the survey that they have available on their website
  - RRPC Update – Drea Stoddard
    - RRPC approved a new structure for town member dues
      - Used to be flat rate of \$1000
      - Now is based off \$1.00 per capita per town
        - \$1284 would be Danby’s amount due
      - Compared to other regional planning commissions to come up with a new formula
      - Adds to the RRPC budget
        - Cost of everything has gone up and new staff members etc.
    - Greg Poelker-McKee
      - Received a grant from Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (WORC) \$1.25 million
      - Help support career pathways for high school students not college bound
      - Is it a multiyear grant with hopes to lay the groundwork for the program to continue after the grant funding
      - Very new and will hopefully get more information at the next RRPC meeting
- Next Meeting will be 1/2/2025 at 6pm
- Motion to adjourn 6:39pm by Don Keller, Seconded by Dave Powers
  - Motion passes unanimously
    - Meeting Adjourned pm