

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

**April 11, 2024**

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

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

Attendees: Shelley Taylor, Drea Stoddard, Dave Powers, Hilda Haines, & Greg Heaton

Absent – Don Keeler

Public – Walker Cammack, Tom Fuller, Tonya Powers, Brad Bender

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Shelley Taylor
- Set Agenda
  - Motion by Dave Powers, seconded by Greg Heaton
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Approve Previous Minutes
  - Motion by Dave Powers, Seconded by Greg Heaton
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
  - Tom Fuller
    - Has an area of land that he would like reclassified
      - Current classification is agriculture and forest
        - Reclassified as commercial industrial
      - Need to have a public hearing
    - Motion to have a meeting on 4/25/24 at 6pm to discuss and review this proposal
      - Motion by Mike seconded by Dave
        - Motion passes unanimously
- Walker Cammack – Smokey House
  - Update on Smokey House and grant
    - Program director - Walker Cammack
    - Created a program called the Living Lab
      - Land management practices & experiments
        - New practices for sustainability
      - Youth education
    - Reimage of what Smokey House can and will be
    - Recreation hasn't been maintained, trail system underutilized
      - Vermont Outdoor Recreation Grant
        - Applied for last year for the planning grant for 2024
          - Received grant
        - What can come from recreation and development of land stewardship
          - Hired a professional trail maintenance company
            - Will be doing an assessment on trails and create a plan for revitalization
        - Would like to bring community involvement into the development
          - Citizen science
          - How to get participation

- Asking the PC for ideas on how to get community engagement and involvement
- RRPC to attend July Meeting
  - Table to next meeting
- Danby Town Plan
  - Table to next meeting
- Old Business
  - None
- New Business
  - None
- Motion to adjourn 6:45pm by Mike Powers, Seconded by Greg Heaton
  - Motion passes unanimously
    - Meeting Adjourned 6:45pm