

Town of Danby
DRAFT 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 - Revisiting land use maps because they are out of date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 1/2/204 at 6pm
- Motion to adjourn 6:39pm by Don Keller, Seconded by Dave Powers
 - Motion passes unanimously
 - Meeting Adjourned pm