

**Town of Addison
Addison Planning Commission
65 VT ROUTE 17W
Addison, VT 05491**

Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 18,2024.

Unapproved (Approved on 12-16-24)

Board Members present: Starr Phillips, Jeff Kauffman Jr, Michael Hollis and Jennifer Barrett.

Zoning Administrator Michael Wojociechowski has resigned and will be filling soon.

Absent: Adam Thoman due to his job commitment.

Chair Jeff Kauffman Jr called the meeting to order at 6:36PM asking for roll call of members. (4)

The Chair asked for the meeting to be turned over for Katie Raycroft-meyer for her presentation on Chap. 6: POPULATION & HOUSING, & Chap.7 ECONOMY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

She also discussed with us that we should move the “LAND USE” section to the end of Town Plan. We agreed to do this.

We received final approval from the Selectboard on November 12,2024 after their public hearing for the Zoning Regulations & Subdivision changes to be effective..

We went through each section discussing what we may need to delete, correct or add information pertaining to each section for goals & objectives for public facilities. We need to update the table of contents as we proceed.

We discussed the goals & objectives for each section. In chapter 6 on POPULATION & HOUSING—we decided to keep # 1 & # 3 as goals, but # 2 find new ways to support the Senior generation and offer smaller housing, affordability & encourage development so maybe 2 sets of goals for this one while considering older & younger generations. With # 4 re-word & be more specific what we want to see develop with local educational opportunities.

In the RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/OBJECTIVES section we will do the following to support a diverse population by:

1. We decided to keep # 1 --- change to a density-based zoning for the LDR/A district to allow both small, affordable residential lots for a diverse scale of farming/forestry operations, (see also Land Use and Natural/Agricultural Resources chapter) and encourage more housing development.
2. Deleted # 2 & 3 and take out # 4.
3. Keep # 5, 6, & 7.
4. Put # 6 in the Energy Section---density zoning.
5. Put # 7 in the Economic Section.

Chapter 7—ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT>

GOALS: Keep # 1 & 2 but clarify on # 2 goal.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/OBJECTIVES:

Take out # 1 and delete it.

2 is good & keep. But # 3 move to Natural Resources.

Keep # 4 , but re-word # 5 & move to IMPLEMENTATIO Section.

6 Ensuring telecommunications—broadband service support goal.

7 Keep with capitalizing on recreational & tourism enterprises that already exist in travel through Addison.

8 Keep but add to transportation section. & # 9 goes to the transportation section.

10 Keep but encourage it more in the VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT for supporting business friendly zoning regulations & commercial opportunities.

11 Move to Recreational District.

12 Take out & combine with others.

During Katie’s presentation we reviewed & discussed Addison Demographics & Housing Characteristics to be added to the Town Plan for comparisons over the last years. We had 12 new houses built in 2024.

She showed us a graph of the “FOREST BLOCKS for Addison and discussed how this will be used with Act 250 and connected in the Town Plan. This will be incorporated with “LAND USE” section.

We touched base with the Addison Community Center, the possibilities of incorporating into the Town Plan. Katie will be back for the December 16,2024 for her next presentation.

The Chair asked for the meeting to be turned over to us to finish our business meeting.

In a motion made by Michael Hollis, seconded by Starr Phillips to approve the meeting minutes for October 21,2024. (3) in favor, (1) abstained and (1) absent.

We discussed and have decided to leave the Town Survey open until Town Meeting Day March 2025 so if you haven't filled out the survey, we encourage you to follow up with it. This is information that is helpful to us while working on the Town Plan. Please encourage our little town & towns people who volunteer the time to gather the information. Many thanks!!

Chair Jeff K. Jr recused himself from the meeting & turned it over to Vice-Chair Jennifer Barrett to finish the meeting since he is one of the candidates interested in the Zoning Administrator's position. We discussed the open position. Jennifer B. and Michael H. will work together to write up a formal job description for Zoning Administrator's position. This was done in a motion made by Michael Hollis, seconded by Starr Phillips. (3) in favor. It will be posted on FRONT PORCH FORUM, TOWN WEBSITE, ADDISON INDEPENDENT & neighboring towns with December 09,2024 as cut off date. We will interview & invite the candidates to our meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16,2024 at 6:30 pm at the Addison Community Center with Katie Raycroft-meyer doing her presentation first before our business meeting. We'll update the Town Survey progress also.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Jennifer Barrett, seconded by Starr Phillips to adjourn at 8:00PM. All in favor.

Submitted by:

Starr I. Phillips, Secretary

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At the December meeting on December 16,2024 we need to:

To continue working on the Town Plan with revisions.

Discuss the Town Survey progress from 11/18/24

Review the progress for recommending candidates for the Zoning Administrator or do we need to extend the search.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 20,2025.