

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of June 15, 2019, Special Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Chair Hill-Eubanks.

I. Roll Call: Present for the meeting were Commissioners Ruth Ruttenberg, Nancy Peck, Aaron Rhodes, Laura Hill-Eubanks.

II. Set/Adjust Agenda:

III. Public Participation: None

IV. Town Plan Update: Work Session

Review most current draft (6/11/2019) of the Town Plan update:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yu3TwR_EtphsyQVqAkNiW0mOo_upiG2t/view?usp=sharing

Changes to the draft were discussed and decided on by the PC. Changes requested will include those that address the following issues.

- Add more support for small businesses and institutions, and for existing Northfield businesses
- Acknowledge Cabot Hosiery as an important business for Northfield, in addition to Norwich U.
- Add protections for Town Forest and its current uses
- Change Preferred sites for larger renewable energy projects to include those locations not identified as those with possible constraints (as regards natural resource constraints defined by the state of VT)
- Add priority stormwater projects as identified by the town and in stormwater studies; the PC recommends the projects include Slate Avenue
- Look at whether the plan should require that new construction or major renovations meet energy efficiency standards or goals
- Encourage increased transparency and participation in local government
- Add support for newly forming Central Vermont Internet
- Link Actions in Implementation chapter to the corresponding Goals, Policies, and Objectives in each chapter

V. Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2019; March 2, 2019; March 18, 2019, April 15, 2019; May 20, 2019. Ruttenberg moved to approve the minutes by acclamation. Motion carried, 4-0-0.

VI. Next Regular Meeting: June 17, 2019.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM

These minutes are subject to changes and approval at the next regular meeting, but are substantially correct.