

Town of Woodbury Planning Commission

January 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission Members Present:

Dave Barnowski, Michael Gray, Anna Lee, Thomas “Skip” Lindsay-Chair, Jim Schweithelm, Ph.D.,

Members of the Public Present:

Chad Wohlers, Stephen J. Murphy, Clare Rock-CVRPC, Zach Mia-CVRPC, Jens Hilke-VT Fish and Wildlife, Andrew Wood-VT Agency of Natural Resources

The virtual meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

COMMUNITY VALUES MAPPING OUTREACH PLANNING:

Andrew Wood led the group through a presentation focused on the “Community Values Mapping” process. “Community Values Mapping” is an on-line event where Woodbury citizens will highlight where they feel are the most important places in Woodbury and why they love living in Woodbury as well explained Andrew. Locations may include recreational, hunting and fishing, scenic, historic, community spaces, working landscape and ecological. The final product will be a series of maps that capture these values in GIS¹ format.

After the presentation and a question/answer period, the Planning Commissioners agreed that a Community Values Mapping session would prove beneficial to the community and enhance the ongoing town plan rewrite project.

The mapping session is planned for Tuesday, February 16, 2021, beginning at 6:00 P.M. The two-hour virtual “white board” event will be advertised using several media formats. Jens Hilke noted, when the session attendance is low, the final product will be less useful. The Planning Commissioners look forward to having 30+ participants taking part in the mapping session to ensure a meaningful final product is generated. Please contact your Planning Commissioners by February 15, 2021 to register for this event. Here’s the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81241532415> Meeting ID: 812 4153 2415

There is no password for the session but there will be a “waiting room”.

FY 2021 Municipal Planning Grant Award

The Town of Woodbury/Planning Commission was awarded a \$7,500 Municipal Planning Grant on December 1, 2020 which will be used to assist in creating the new Woodbury Town Plan.

¹ Geographic Information System

Skip will work with Clare on amending the existing contract to incorporate additional tasks and payment milestones based on deliverables. A discussion regarding the project timeline ensued. The town plan is scheduled for completion by September 30, 2021. However, with the added tasks, most notably more opportunities for public outreach, the Commissioners thought it prudent to extend the completion date to December 17, 2021. The CVRPC was in agreement and the amended contract will reflect the new completion date.

MUNICIPAL PLAN PROJECT UPDATE

The on-line "Community Survey" closed on January 6, 2021 with 130 participants. Telephone interviews and paper copies of the survey accounted for several more completed surveys.

Anna Lee presented the on-line survey results using "Tableau Online" an application that will transform Woodbury's community survey information into customized data visualizations/dashboards. Anna displayed several possible data visualizations for discussion. The group decided the visualizations should include the numbers one, two, and three highest ranked values along with bar charts containing all the imbedded values.

Anna will set-up Tableau accounts for the Planning Commission and CVRPC which will provide access to the survey results and dashboards as they are being constructed. Once complete, the dashboards will be placed on the Woodbury Web Site and be accessible for all.

Anna created data visualizations for a Woodbury Community Survey that was completed in 1994. Anna noted that many of the highest ranked values in the 2020-2021 survey were the same in the 1994 survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.