

# **TOWN OF WOODBURY PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **October 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Planning Commission Members Present:** Michael Sadler; Thomas “Skip” Lindsay-Chair; Jim Schweithelm, Ph.D. Vice Chair; Dave Barnowski; Michael Gray; Jayne Nold-Laurendeau

**Members of the Public Present:** Clare Rock-Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC); Diana Peduzzi, Norm Etkind, Stephen Murphy, Suzy Graves, Goddard Graves, Elizabeth Higgins, Tim Higgins, Dennis Baril, John Holahan, Ron Rathburn

The meeting was held for public review of and comment on the proposed Woodbury Town Plan pursuant to V.S.A. Title 24, Chapter 117 § 4444.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

Skip began the meeting with a power point presentation summarizing the 2021 Woodbury Town Plan’s contents including:

- Process of Developing the Plan
- Vision for the Future
- Purpose and Benefits of the Plan

These sections of the Plan were described in the presentation:

- Natural Setting
- Sense of Community
- Rural Infrastructure
- Mapping out the Future
  - Future Land Use
  - Implementation Program
- Appendix-Woodbury Enhanced Energy Plan

Here’s the hyperlink to the presentation on the Town’s web site:

<https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Town-Plan-Presentation.pdf>

The commissioners responded to questions from the members of the public throughout the course of the presentation, most notably, the “Thermal Sector Conversions per Target Table, Table 8 in the Woodbury Enhanced Energy Plan document. Here’s the table:

Table 8 Thermal Sector Conversions Per Target Year (Residential and Commercial)			
Year	2025	2035	2050
New Efficient Wood Heat Systems (in units)	1	0	8
New Heat Pumps (in units)	42	107	204

*This table provides a target for new wood heating systems and new cold climate heat pumps for residential and commercial structures in the municipality for each target year. This target was calculated using data from LEAP and ACS.*

Norm Etkind provided a document which the commissioners will use to conduct their own review of the targets and work to adjust the table and its associated commentary accordingly.

The hyperlink to access the draft Town Plan is: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/9.17.2021-Woodbury-Town-Plan-Draft-2.pdf>

Skip informed the group the planning commission has received 49 comments from members of the public regarding the plan as of October 18, 2021. Several of the comments were acted upon as they were substantive and actionable. The comments document may be viewed on the Town's web site: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Public-Comments-10182021.pdf>

The commissioners noted that over the course of the two-year town plan project there have been three surveys with over 300 total respondents. The surveys provided background information on Woodbury and presented goals, aspirations, and actions the commissioners used to achieve an inclusive vision for the future of Woodbury.

A "Community Values Mapping" session was facilitated by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department in February 2021 that sought to define what places are most valued and loved in Woodbury. The mapping session report may be accessed on the Town web site using this hyperlink: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Woodbury-Community-Values-Mapping-Report.pdf>

The presentation also illustrated the next steps in the approval process including:

- A second formal Town Plan presentation and public comments session:
  - November 15, 2021 at the Town Hall starting at 6:00 PM
- November 18, 2021 Planning Commission Special Meeting
  - Adopt a Planning Commission resolution approving the edited plan for submission to the select board and town clerk.
- November 22, 2021 Select Board meeting
  - Planning Commission submits the plan to the select Board

Skip noted the select board has 120 days from receipt of the plan to hold a public hearing to discuss the plan.

The commissioners thanked the members of the public present, who have supported the project by attending previous meetings, those who have completed the surveys, and those who have sent comments and suggested edits to the commissioners as well.

At 8:06 PM Skip introduced a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.