

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2019

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Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Roy (Butch) Wardwell, Chairperson.

Present: Bruce Maxham, David DiBenedetto and Nancy Robinson
Kimberly Gilbert, TRORC
Pete Fellows, TRORC

No additions or changes to agenda.

TRORC representatives are visiting each municipality in their region to do consultations as part of a requirement with the Agency of Commerce & Community Development. Discussion included the recently adopted town plan which is “Consistent with planning goals, compatible with the Regional Plan, compatible with the approved plans of other municipalities within the region and inclusive of all elements required of a plan as set forth in 24 V.S.A. 4382. Items that could be further discussed or included when the plan is re-adopted in 2026 are: childcare by adding information on financing, business assistance and work force development, implementing energy goals, mobile and manufactured homes in discussions on housing, water quality in the Critical Natural Areas chapter and flood emergency preparedness and response planning. Town has included the new forest block and health chapters in the current town plan.

Reviewed upcoming training programs that are provided and/or sponsored by TRORC such as Emerald Ash Bore (4/16 Hartland), Regional Mediation (5/9), Community Engagement (6/18 Royalton) and free breakfast at VT Law School on 4/18 to Learn How TRORC Works for You. There are also downloadable Power Point presentations and links to videos for additional training on Land Use Planning, Basics of a Capital Budget, Parcel Mapping, Water Quality, Emergency Management, Forests and Habitat, Transportation Grants and Road Issues.

Discussed Understanding Flood Insurance in Vermont, Floodplain Management Issue for Local Officials in Vermont, Review Submission Checklist for flood applications that have to be sent to the Agency of Natural Resources for review. Town flood bylaws could be updated to include higher standards which may reduce private home insurance costs. Overall town is in good shape with town plan and flood bylaw administration.

Being no other business, Butch moved to adjourn at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk