



# TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
Tuesday, 3/19/2024  
7:00pm PC Meeting  
St.J. Welcome Center

## *Agenda*

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair \_\_x\_\_ Ben Copans, Vice chair \_\_x\_\_ Larry Dolan, Clerk \_x\_\_\_\_ Ben Deede \_\_x\_ Open \_\_\_\_

Others attending:

Planning Commission meeting

1. Open Meeting. 7:17 (Waited outside for Matt, Jim did not have the key when he (Jim) arrived. Jim went home, got the key, got into the Welcome Center.)
2. Agenda changes. None.
3. Public Comment. None.
4. Minutes approval. 2/20/2023. Motion by Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben C., with approved changes. Motion passed.
5. Continue work on Town Plan redo for 2025. Event times. Basic outline. Surveys. April 1 approved for distribution of surveys. Carry over some elements/writings from TP2017 to TP 2025. Make TP2025 congruent with bylaws and enhanced energy plan. Topics from TP2017 to be separated, in order to bring more focus. (21 months till TP 2025 is due.) Check with "The Municipal Plan" from VT to include mandatory elements in a VT TP. Topics so far include: 1. Public Services; 2. Utilities and Infrastructure; 3. Housing, Neighborhoods; 4. Recreation; 5. Education; 6. Economic Development; 7. Transportation; 8. Energy; 9. Hazard Mitigation and Flood Resiliency; 10. Preservation and Conservation; 11. Financial (This subject to Chad and Joe's input); 12. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion; 13. Arts and Culture; 14. Land Use. Also consideration of Public Safety, and resiliency is included in Flood resilience. Maybe a separate Resiliency, given the recent Pandemic. Ben will resend the TP2017 topics in an abbreviated, more readable spread sheet. New river flood plains, corridors mapping will alter some bylaws. Suggestion for civics, civil society, as a topic. Finish a rough draft before any public presentation. For next meeting: consider in more detail topics such as arts and culture, Recreation, DEI. Consider results of surveys to the point of the meeting date. Surveys will be placed online, in digital format, Front Porch Forum, FB, Town FB page, various locations for hard copies, including White's, Town Offices, etc.
6. 7:55pm Place Sense bylaw modernization grant. Review uses, zones. Article III info. Definitions. Presentation of work done to St. J. town staff and committees. Timing plans for public hearings. Matt to ask for a total bylaw changes written piece from Place Sense, for April 1 meeting. Also, a Power Point presentation for May 6 meeting. Invite Chad and Joe to 4/01 meeting and SB members, for information and input only. No decisions concerning material presented. (Open meeting Law).
7. Town Manager report. Brief intro to Gillian's "Downtown Reinvestment Statistics Master" spread sheet. Jim will attach a copy and send emails to all.
8. ZA report. None.
9. Other business. None.
10. Close meeting. Ben D. motion, Ben C. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed. 8:57pm.