

Official Press Release  
St. Johnsbury Planning Commission  
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### Advancement of the Town Plan (2025–2033) and Bylaw Modernization

The St. Johnsbury Planning Commission is pleased to announce continued progress on two critical initiatives that will shape the future of our community: the Town Plan for 2025–2033 and the comprehensive Bylaw Modernization project. These efforts, led by the Planning Commission members Ben Deede, Clerk Larry Dolan, Vice Chair Ben Copans, and Chair Jim Brown, reflect a commitment to thoughtful, forward-looking governance.

Since the launch of these endeavors in April and August of 2023, the Planning Commission has worked diligently to ensure that both projects meet the highest standards of civic planning and public engagement.

The Town Plan 2025 is currently in an advanced drafting phase, with a targeted completion of the final draft by February 2025. This document will serve as a blueprint for the town's growth and development over the next decade. Upon completion, the Commission will convene public hearings to invite feedback from our residents. The Northern Vermont Development Association will subsequently conduct a formal review, culminating in two additional public hearings hosted by the Selectboard. Our goal is to secure final approval for the Town Plan by May 7, 2025.

Concurrently, the Bylaw Modernization project is approaching its final phase. The Planning Commission is poised to approve the final draft, after which a public hearing will be scheduled to ensure transparency and community involvement. Once all procedural requirements are fulfilled, the revised zoning bylaws will be submitted to the Selectboard for final approval, paving the way for their prompt enactment.

For further information, we invite residents and stakeholders to visit the official Town of St. Johnsbury website, where updates on these initiatives will be regularly provided.