



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission Working Session
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Monday 1/06/2025

7:00pm Meeting, Conference Room
St.J. Welcome Center Zoom Meeting
Minutes Working Session

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair Ben Copans, Vice chair Larry Dolan, Secretary _____ Ben Deede Open _____

Others attending:

Planning Commission meeting

1. Open Meeting. 7:04
2. Agenda changes.
3. Public Comment.
4. Town Plan 2025. Continue work on writing TP2025. Opening info. Data capture. Topic drafts. Final draft due 2/25/2025. Final approval deadline 5/07/2025.
 - a. Question concerning open meeting, Zoom and recorded, Matt did not attend. PC assumed Matt would attend. He did not. Alternative way to do Zoom meeting and record session.
 - b. More important for goals as priorities in the document.
 - c. Ben D. will organize first page draft in TP2025, including vision, from Joe K.'s opening statement. Not doing a preface.
 - d. Use Joe's draft for Housing and neighborhoods, separate into 2 goals. Jim will do.
 - e. Style of draft writing to use goals in TP2025
 - f. Land use from Jim. Some changes. Waiting for Matt's draft.
 - g. Hazard mitigation, flood resiliency. Ben C. talk with Steve B., new H-M plan. Establish a community committee for Resiliency. Connect with NEKO.
 - h. Education. Consolidate, refine draft. Update enrollment figures
 - i. Recreation. Summarize the big picture. Ben C. will check with Chad.
 - j. Economic development. Consolidate and refine.
5. Bylaw Modernization. Further discussion. Preparation for public hearing 1/21/2025 at 6:30pm, Welcome Center. Public hearing for 1/21/2025 Bylaw Modernization is on.
6. Conclusions- Next activities, actions. Continue writing drafts for January work.
7. Close meeting. 9:00pm