

Burke planning commission minutes
March 10, 2016

In attendance: Keith Clark, David Ormiston, James Bentley, Rick Prescott, Sean Montague

Visitors: Allison Lowe, Doug Gimler

Old business

Allison started the meeting by explaining the past rewrites to the town plan. The biggest issue in past revisions was how planned residential development related to development clusters in addition to the creation of a conservation overlay. The prevention of forest fragmentation was another issue in past updates as was the definition of river corridors and restrictions of new development in areas prone to flooding. The planning commission needs to hold hearings in order to make recent updates official or decide to update the town plan first. Allison read off state goals for town planning commissions, and discussion followed as to which path to follow: update the town plan or holding hearings for updates to zoning bylaws. Allison mentioned looking at the town of Hardwick's flood resilience plan as a potential model to work from. This is located on the NVDA website. She also suggested reaching out to Kerry Obrien at the CCCD.

James motioned to focus the planning commission's work on updating the town plan. Sean seconded the motion and it passed.

New business

Keith moved that David be elected chair of the planning commission. Rick seconded. The board elected David chair.

Other business

Zoning administrator update: Doug informed the board the Wiseworm Compost is reorganizing to no longer process compost.

Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

Keith suggested that the PC send a letter to the select board requesting a change to a 5 member planning commission. Rick agreed to do it. Sean motioned to adjourn. James seconded.

Adjourn