

## Hartland Planning Commission Draft Minutes - May 15, 2025

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Planning Commission members present: David Dukeshire, Jay Boeri, Dan Jerman, Kate Donahoe, John Magliocco, and George Little. Non-members present: Brian Kovalick and Peter Gregory from TRORC, Phil Hobbie, Bruce and Gloria Merritt and one unidentified other by zoom.

The meeting opened at 6:30,

Minutes of March 5, 2025 reviewed, motion made to approve by John and seconded by Dan Jerman. Vote: all in favor.

Agenda Addition: Email sent by TM John Broker-Campbell to HPC chair and clerk concerning Agenda Item 7 Additional discussion about the need for SB help with HPC administrative matters - note taking, zoom and legal.

2017 Town Plan Readoption: After legal notice in the Valley News, the Selectboard on May 12 readopted the 2017 Town Plan, so there was no lapse in Town Plan Coverage. Three HPC members were in attendance at that 15 minute meeting. The 2017 Plan is available on the town website.

Telecommunication Tower. No news of any action.

2025 Draft Town Plan: The TRORC (Regional Commission) presented their review of the HPC's 2025 Draft Town Plan for purposes of conformity with the regional Plan. As discussed at the meeting, the HPC by Vermont statute creates a Hartland Town Plan or Unified Bylaw, then after public notice and review it is passed to the SB. They then have their own public review, can make any plan alterations before adopting it. The HPC Draft Town Plan as reviewed by TRORC is a 200 page document. The HPC received it the day before our meeting, many members said they didn't have time to read it, so the HPC took no action. Concern was expressed from past HPC Act 250 experiences that the TRORC review included a number of policy language changes from a "shall" to "should" category. This and more on the land use section will be discussed with TRORC at our next meeting on June 4. Several members commented that the TRORC presentation was comprehensive.

Agenda addition: Town manager's email requested an explanation for our inclusion of Agenda Item 7 in our May 15 Agenda as he could not attend our meeting on that date. Chair David Dukeshire read aloud the TM's email. "I believe I have been clear that at this point, there is no town staff able to assist the planning commission with minute taking or connecting to the Zoom link... There is no opportunity to revisit the budget since it has been adopted for both FY25 and FY26." Chair David Dukeshire noted he had replied to the TM by email the day following: "the assistance discussion is about what the HPC can do to help ourselves, not about support from town employees." HPC Item 7 did not include any request to revisit our budget, legal or otherwise.

The next HPC meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 9 PM

Submitted by Jay Boeri, HPC Clerk May 19, 2025