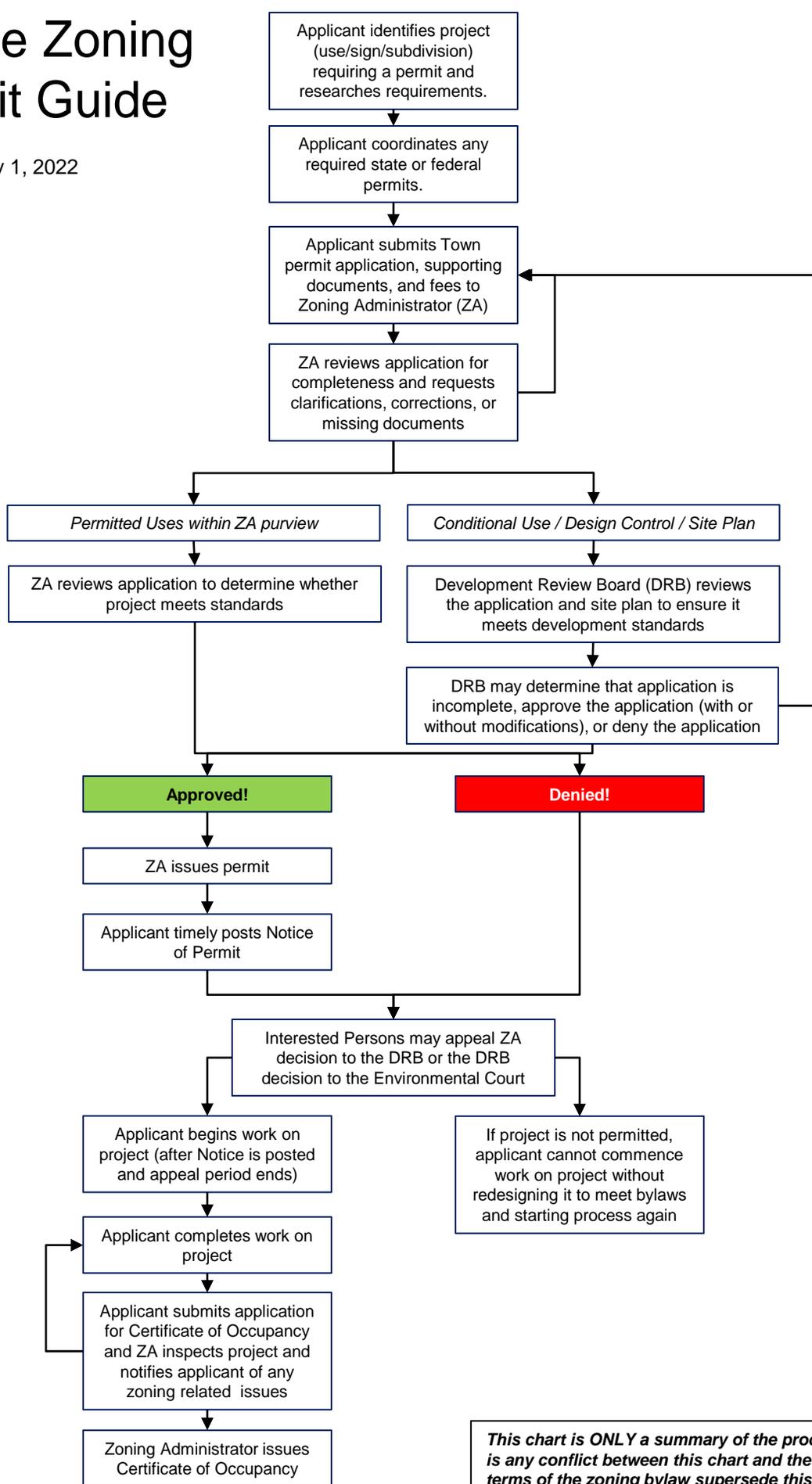


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This chart is ONLY a summary of the process. If there is any conflict between this chart and the bylaws, the terms of the zoning bylaw supersede this chart.

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Zoning Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Do I need to get a permit for ...?

A: Check with the Zoning Administrator!

Q: When do I NOT need a permit?

A: No permit is required for :

Required agricultural practices per 24 VSA §4413(d), but you still have to notify Zoning Administrator before any construction and may have to work with the Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFM)

Accepted silvicultural practices per 24 VSA §4413(d)

Power generation and transmission facilities regulated by the Public Service Board under 30 VSA §248

Hunting, fishing, and trapping per 24 VSA §2295 on private or public land – not including facilities for those activities

Q: What are these Shoreland and Design Control Overlays?

A: Everything is in one of the zoning districts, but there are a few areas of town subject to extra rules (around Joes Pond and in historic areas) – in those areas, you have to follow both the district and overlay rules.

Q: If the Zoning Bylaw says that something's not allowed, but X has been there or has been going on for years – is that OK?

A: Yes – zoning is for new buildings and uses, not existing ones. Things that are in place when a zoning bylaw changes are considered Non-Conforming or “grandfathered” and are allowed to continue.

Q: Do I need an access (Knox) box for the Fire Department?

A: Buildings with monitored fire alarms should have access boxes so the fire department can quickly handle any alarms. Check with the Fire Chief.

Q: What if I fail to post the Notice of Permit (big red P sign)?

A: You cannot begin work until 15 days after the Notice of Permit is posted. That Notice is the public warning to neighbors that you're about to do something so they can appeal it. If you didn't post it and there is an appeal, you have to stop work until the appeal is resolved in your favor.

Q: What if I don't get a permit or break the rules in the Zoning Bylaw?

A: In addition to a late fee, unresolved violations can result in fines of up to \$100/day until they are corrected.

Q: Who comes up with this stuff?!

A: The legislature sets the framework for land use in state statutes, but it's volunteers on the Planning Commission with input from the public who write your Zoning Bylaw. Talk to them or volunteer yourself to make changes!

Zoning Administrator

- Dennis Marquise
- zoning@danvillevt.gov
- 802-684-3352 x204
- Tuesday 8:00am to Noon

Other Local Contacts

Curb cuts, work in Town rights-of-way

- Keith Gadapee, Road Foreman
- highways@danvillevt.gov
- 802-684-3362

Town Water and Wastewater Services

- Wendy Somers, Town Clerk
- wsomers@danvillevt.gov
- 802-684-3352

State Contacts

- Jeff McMahan, State Permit Specialist
- 802-477-2241

Have comments on zoning or thoughts on what should go in this guide?

LET US KNOW!

The Zoning Bylaw exists to clearly lay out what the people of Danville want and don't want when it comes to development. If it's not clear, or it needs changes, tell the Zoning Administrator and/or Planning Commission so we can update it.

This guide is meant to make it easier for people to get through the permitting process as painlessly as possible. If you had to dig to find some important information, tell us so we can add it to this guide and make things easier on your neighbors.