

Town of Danville
Approved Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023 7:30 pm

Attendance: Glenn Herrin, Alison Despathy, Michael Hogue, Rob Balivet, Kate Whitehead, Vince Foy

Glenn opened the meeting at 7:30pm

Minutes

MOTION: Glenn Herrin made a motion to approve the September minutes with changes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Glenn Herrin made a motion to thank Jeff Paquet for his over 10 years of service to the Planning Commission. Motion passed.

Alison Despathy is now formally on the Planning Commission

Committee Updates

DTSC: Rob met with the architect – making progress; plans to use ¾ “ line - won’t need to excavate under the road. Drainage this week and then backfill up against building. Framing in restrooms, water access will be located along platform area. Plans to have a site visit/meeting each Thursday. St J Academy trades plans to assist with the project. DTSC will submit for NVDA regional priority list. Working to secure VTrans lease agreement for building out the platform.

Bylaw Modernization – Placesense Review

PC briefly discussed the Placesense technical review document. We will plan to discuss more in depth at 11/9 mtg. Plan for a zoom mtg w/consultant firm in Dec. Proposed phase II of the project is to conduct an affordable housing study in Danville. Phase II is not funded under the current grant.

Town Plan Update

Section III: Jobs & Economic Development

Discussed possible updates to the chart; suggestion to share larger span of time 2011-2020 to show trends. We don’t have pandemic data, but still feel it’s important to keep base point data in this section – it shows how town is changing, etc. Michael will update photos.

Village Center Designation maps included in this section, updated tables/charts, edits to obj. and assigned recommendations have been made. Obj. focus on attracting businesses, broadband, supporting Ag and encouraging preservation.

PC discussed wireless vs broadband. Alison shared concerns over potential health impacts. David & Alison to review research. Alison is working on telecomm piece for the Town Plan.

Section VI: Natural Heritage

Alison will reach out to Conservation Commission. PC would like them to review and provide feedback on objectives and assigned recommendations; trailheads & trails in Town Forest, Emerald Ash Borer. PC discussed language re: slope criteria/steep grades.

Introduction

PC discussed identifying and sharing major goals of the plan in the introduction section. Alison will draft a base draft executive summary for us to work from.

December: Final review of Town Plan prepare/complete the proposed version.

January: Public Hearing

Mtg. Adjourned 9:28 pm

Next Meeting: November 9, 2023 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Kate Whitehead