

**Planning Commission Unapproved Meeting Minutes – November, 2024 ---7:30PM**  
**Attendance- Rob Balivet, David Kyle, Judy Corso, Vince Foy, Alison Despathy**

Review of November Agenda- no amendments or changes

Waiting for minutes from October meeting for review and approval- Kate Whitehead (clerk) will provide these for the next meeting in December

No public comment- no public in attendance

**November Meeting/Agenda Summary:**

Reviewed and accepted with full consensus the Planning Commission Orders of Procedure. No changes were made to the document. However, the addendum from March, 2024 was reviewed, accepted and is now fully incorporated into the primary Rules of Procedure document.

Alison provided an update on several issues including:

-A reminder was shared that the Regional Planning Commission (NVDA) will host a public hearing on November 21, 2024 at 5pm at the Danville Town Hall to review the Danville Municipal Plan and hold public comment on the Danville Enhanced Energy Plan.

-NVDA is currently working on developing updated maps for the region due to the recent passing of Act 181. This will influence Danville regarding any potential adjustments to districts or mapping. Danville PC will wait for these maps to assess next steps.

-Alison Despathy invited Kate Whitehead (PC clerk/secretary) to share her thoughts and experience working for the PC over the years. Kate has been integral in many community projects and writing grants for Danville. This will be revisited for December or the new year.

-Alison Despathy invited Alison Low from NVDA to speak with the Planning Commission about her work at NVDA and thoughts on Planning Commission actions and priorities including mapping. Based on when the NVDA maps are scheduled to be done, Alison Low will wait until the new year to speak with the Danville PC.

-Several community members have expressed interest in exploring potential community projects. Alison will reach out to offer an invite to come share their ideas.

-Alison Despathy is composing a Danville PC summary update for the town's annual report. She will share this with the PC for review prior to the December meeting on 12/12/24

-A brief review of goals and thoughts on direction took place. Rob Balivet shared an update on the train station and some of the time delays that have occurred. Rob reiterated his interest and goals to assess the historical building records for Danville and provide an update to this report. The primary goal of this project is to develop a classification of the historical significance of buildings in Danville in order to provide the Zoning Administrator with guidelines.

-The conversation about short term rentals resurfaced as a possible PC goal moving forward. David Kyle offered a practice for the PC to imagine an extreme situation with possible short term rental issues

in order for the PC to engage this topic and start to envision what steps could and/or should possibly be taken regarding short term rentals in Danville.

A brief discussion regarding the potential concerns of non-owner occupied short term rentals in Danville took place. This included possible compromises in community growth and health, housing issues, and decreased student enrollment at the Danville school. An example of Venice, Italy arose in which it seems a high percentage of the city's building and home owners live outside of the city and rent their homes in order to afford the costs of owning a home in Venice. Many PC member expressed concerns with wanting to prevent issues from arising related to short term rentals. It was acknowledged that many Danville residents offer short term rentals in order to bolster their incomes and help afford the cost of living. It was noted by some PC members that there is not a desire to interfere with this opportunity.

David Kyle agreed to do some research and look at other Vermont towns and what they are doing around this issue of short term rentals. He will report back in the new year.

The next PC meeting is on December 12, 2024

No Public Comment

End of Meeting-