

Danville Planning Commission May Meeting Minutes May 22, 2025 - 7:30PM

PC Members in Attendance: Alison Despathy (Chair), Judy Corso, Vince Foy, Dawn Brittian, Greg Prior **PC Members Absent** - Kate Whitehead (Secretary), David Kyle

Public in Attendance: Glenn Herrin, Liam Abbate, Alison Low

Meeting Opened 7:31pm

1. Changes to the Agenda

None

2. Review and accept minutes from April Planning Commission meeting

Unanimous approval to accept

3. Public Comment – Beginning Meet

Glenn Herrin shared that in recent past the Planning Commission has made conscious effort to minimize decisions and action items that would result in commitment to spend public monies. Exceptions are an option but shared a historical perspective, in particular that mapping performed by the town is recognized as eventually being necessary but to-date it has been identified as potentially expensive and minimally addressed.

4. Presentation of the Proposed Danville Future Land Use map and Act 181 by Northern Vermont Development Association (Liam Abbate / Alison Low)

Alison Desparthy opened the Regional Planning map presentation by mentioning previous mapping efforts were available in the 2024 Danville Town Plan. It was stated that previous mapping was not of high resolution or detail.

Liam Abbate identified the regional mapping effort as a regional planning product resulting from the 2024 Act 181 Land Use law. Act 181 being described by the state legislation as “strengthening state environmental efforts while simultaneously loosening the 1970 Act 250 Development and Land Use Law in population centers to allow housing developments.”

The new maps were presented both in standard letter handout and large print form. Many questions and topics were presented by the Planning Commission team and answered by

the NVDA team. Data for the maps was identified as 2022 or earlier, the partial translucent nature of the map image was explained, a strong interest in possibly including Current Use tax status of lands in future mapping, etc.

A decision was made to leave the larger printed map in the Town Hall to allow residents visibility to the effort and allow comment submissions by the public. Glen Herrin offered to make the physical presentation and Judy Corso offered to make a brief Front Page Forum public notification stating that the map is available for viewing.

The next interaction of the Planning Commission with this map was to process it personally and eventually deliver to the Selectboard to publish to eventually publish to the public.

5. Public Comment – End of Meet

None.

6. Discussion & amendment for boundary line adjustments based on new proposed language

Alison Despathy has delivered David Kyle's latest version of the new proposed language. The topic was pushed to June meeting for final conversation.

7. Old Business:

Hinesurg & Calais Organizational Charts – in progress
DRB / Joes Pond speaker – identified for June meeting agenda

Meeting Closed 9:39pm

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 7:30pm