

## Planning Commission Q1 2019 Report to the Selectboard

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**Commissioners:** Jaci Allen, Chair, Jeff Goodrich, Vice Chair, Susan Brink, Melissa Horwitz, Jeff Lubell, Steve Thoms, Leah Romano, Brian Loeb, Ernie Ciccotelli

**Affordable Housing Sub-committee (AHSC):** Creigh Moffatt, Paul Manganiello; Kathleen Shepherd, Ralph Hybels, Jeff Lubell (PC Member), Jeff Goodrich (PC Member), Brian Loeb (PC Member)

**Enhanced Energy Planning Work Group (EEWG):** Linda Gray (Energy Committee chair), Melissa Horwitz (PC Member), Lynnwood Andrews (Conservation Commission), Aaron Lamperti (EC), Susan Hardy (EC)

**Committee/Commission/Appointee Charge** (including subcommittees and workgroups): Preparing a town plan, and preparing zoning and subdivision regulations based on the town plan. The commission also studies other planning issues and makes recommendations to the Selectboard.

**Current Projects** (including work by subcommittees) with proposed deadlines:

### Town Plan Rewrite

- The Table of Contents (attached) has been developed based on 24 VSA VT §4302 and 4382, which details all required elements and goals. A Resilience chapter has been added in support of Article 37. Strategies to foster climate protection will also be included throughout the plan.
  - Outlines for each chapter are in draft, and Planning Commission work groups are targeting April-May 2019 for meetings with local subject matter experts to review. Input from these experts will be used to revise the draft chapters.
  - Public workshops to discuss draft content are targeted to for June.
- The PC is committed to producing a concise, readable document, and gathering input from a wide variety of stakeholders throughout the process.

### Enhanced Energy Plan

- A draft of the 2019 Energy Plan is under discussion with the PC. It will be available for public comment soon. It will be included in the Town Plan (as the energy chapter).

### Affordable Housing

- The Affordable Housing Fund Policy has been further amended by the Affordable Housing Committee in response to PC comments. Upon approval by the Planning Commission, it will be forwarded to the Selectboard for review and approval.
- The Affordable Housing Sub-committee is working on a draft of an affordable housing strategy.

#### **Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF)**

- TRORC has been engaged to support implementation of the Community Rating System (CRS to qualify for an additional 5% reimbursement from the State in the event of another flood disaster. (17.5% total)
- CRS recognizes communities that are doing more than the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements to help their citizens prevent or reduce flood losses.

#### **Future Projects:**

- Solicit expert input on draft chapters of the Town Plan, revise, and conduct public workshops. April-June 2019
- Gather input from town experts on draft of the Affordable Housing Strategy. April
- Work with TRORC on the CRS qualification process.
- Participate in the revisions to TRORC Regional Plan, especially Land Use where the Interstate Interchange Policy is under consideration.

#### **Support Needed from the Selectboard:**

- Ongoing communication and collaboration on key matters

Planning Commission Work Plan Q2-Q3 Draft

Area		Q2			Q3		
		Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
<b>Town Plan</b>	<b>TASKS</b>	PC members meet with town experts to review draft of chapter outlines	Incorporate expert feedback into chapter drafts	Review revised drafts with town experts and begin community outreach	Community outreach	Revise chapter drafts	Community outreach
<b>Enhanced Energy Plan</b>		Review Draft 1 and commence community outreach	Develop Draft 2	Community outreach			
<b>TRORC I/state Interchange Rev.</b>		Provide input to TRORC	Provide input to TRORC				
<b>Affordable Housing</b>		Revolving fund criteria to SB	Community outreach on draft of Housing strategy	Revise Housing strategy	Community outreach		
<b>ERAF Qualification</b>		Work with TRORC to achieve CRS status	Work with TRORC to achieve CRS status	Community Outreach	Implementation planning	Implementation planning	

Key:

	Task completed
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