

Hello everyone,

We will be meeting Weds, 9/30 at 6:30 at Tracy Hall. Our agenda will be to meet people from Dubois & King and prepare our public participation plan.

https://norwich.vt.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/093026_VMP_Steering_Committtee_Meeting_Agenda.pdf

Below I've tried to capture background that might help us jump in quickly.

As always, bring your creative inspirations and D&K should have plenty of ideas based on their experience.

Topics

In our earlier conversations we identified several high priority topics:

Housing & infrastructure

- What do we need for new housing in the village?
- Where might it go?
- How does this relate to available and potential infrastructure?

Bicycle / Pedestrian / Road safety

- Sidewalks & crosswalks
- Traffic calming options
- Specific corridors like Rt 5 S and missing connectors

Business and community vibrancy in the core village

- How healthy are our current businesses? How can we help?
- What are we missing that could be encouraged?
- What would build vibrancy in the core?
- Tracy Hall / town offices
- Recreation fields

We agreed to focus on fewer high priority topics to make progress on these more likely, with secondary ideas captured for future work. Other topics will come up as we engage the public.

Events

Over the next 8 weeks, we plan to hold a number of events to encourage maximum participation.

One idea is to attend already planned events. We can discuss what materials would be useful and which upcoming events are good candidates.

Along with crashing other events, we have two charettes planned. These are envisioned to be several hours long so each event can address multiple topics. Also, the second one can be adjusted based on learning gained in the first. Dubois & King have a lot of experience with these.

What other dedicated events do we need and have the energy for, and that can fit into our timeline?

Generating Public Input

Rather than a formal survey, one idea was to use google forms to collect written input. We would need a list of initial questions and volunteers to set this up.

How might we use the Planning Commission website?

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Weds at 6:30 in Tracy Hall.

Jaan