

Shaftsbury Planning Commission  
February 26, 2019

- 1) The meeting came to order at 6:04 p.m. Present were commissioners Chris Williams (chair), Naomi Miller, Mike Cichanowski, and Mike Foley. Also present was zoning administrator Shelly Stiles.
- 2) Mr. Cichanowski moved to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes. Ms. Miller seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.  
Mr. Foley moved to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.
- 3) The commission turned to revisions of the town plan. First up were new chapters drafted by Mr. Cichanowski. (Aside: he's been working with Tim Scoggins on chapter 14, Finance.)

The commission addressed the draft chapter 8. Changes and additions were suggested. The goals were tightened up. The group discussed whether a recommendation regarding providing a "downtown" parking area should be made; suggested: including a remark to the effect of "the inclusion of public parking space at the new Cole Hall block should be considered." Rail transport remains a popular idea. Some actions should be tied to the DPW foreman's plans for road improvements.

The commission addressed draft chapter 9, public utilities. *Water* Mr. Williams will share notes of his interview with Jim McGinnis, water superintendent. (Reserve capacity has been affected by additional connections in North Bennington to replace contaminated wells.) The concrete asbestos water lines are to be replaced. A distinction should be made between the responsibilities and powers of the Town of Shaftsbury and, for example, a water district. *Solid waste* Our recycling diversion rate should be higher. The town should develop an organics compliance plan. Mr. Cichanowski will delete reference to the compost bylaw. *Public buildings* The construction of the garage and the renovation of Cole Hall should be highlighted. Re municipal forest, the plan should state that it is potential recreational asset that needs to be developed further. *Other facilities and services* This section will be deleted. *Telecom* Mr. Cichanowski will wait to write this until the survey responses have been compiled.

The commission turned to draft chapter XXX, economic development. Mr. Foley will place items on page two on page one under the appropriate goals, policies and actions categories. He will consult the Center for Rural Studies at UVM for data to include in table and chart form.

Mr. Cichanowski showed the group how he's been tracking edits in Google docs.

- 4) Zoning administrator report

The ZA elaborated a little and the commission discussed pieces of her report. The commission reported being satisfied with the ZA's performance.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:25 pm.

Notes by ZA Stiles.