

**Town of Stratton
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Stratton Town Office
Wednesday, August 6, 2014**

Attendance: Planners:, Kent Young, Rob Wadsworth, John Wadsworth, Rodney Cooney and Chris Mann, John Bennett from the Windham Regional Commission and Jenna Pugliese, PC Clerk and Stratton Mountain representative.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Kent Young, Vice Chair.

Agenda Modifications: Remove Discussion of Open Meeting Laws

Correspondences: Planning Commission Correspondences were distributed.

Approval of Minutes: John Wadsworth made a motion to approve the July monthly meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Rodney Cooney. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Stratton Town Plan Update Discussion- John Bennett was in attendance on behalf of the Windham Regional Commission to present additional edits to the Town Plan for review. Mr. Bennett noted that he had updated data to reflect the 2012 census most notably in the Childcare section and heating fuel.

Action Items for Goals 13 and 14 were discussed. For Goal 13; Childcare it was decided that no further action was required at this time. For Goal 14; Flood Resilience it was agreed an action item would be added recommending ongoing work.

John Bennett walked the commission members through other minor changes and updates.

Logistics were discussed and Kent Young cited that notification had to be sent 30 days prior to a public hearing. The next monthly meeting was scheduled for September 3rd and there was not adequate time for this to happen prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Jenna Pugliese noted that she had intended to request an additional meeting in September to accommodate a hearing for a Stratton project as well. The commission decided to schedule an additional meeting to accommodate the Town Plan hearing as well as the requested Stratton hearing on September 17th.

Tamarack Heights Hearing Discussion: Kent Young informed the commission that Wiley Construction had requested a hearing in September for the required review of the building plans for a Tamarack Heights home. This hearing was tentatively scheduled for September 3rd unless the applicant was amendable to September 17th.

Stratton Mount Resort Base Lodge Renovation: Jenna Pugliese presented a proposed plan for a renovation of the Main Base Lodge at Stratton Mountain Resort. The renovation included a second floor addition, an extension of the existing deck and a complete internal renovation that would add an additional 350 seats and allow for better service to resort guests. Ms. Pugliese noted that she would be submitting an application in time for a hearing to be noticed for September 17th.

Other Business: Jenna Pugliese noted that as part of her work with South Eastern Vermont Economic Development she has been involved in the State process to create guidelines to distribute \$10 million from the settlement of Vermont Yankee's closure to be used for economic development. Ms. Pugliese noted that the state would be granting \$2 million per year for five years in grants and loans. Grants would be available to non-profits and low-interest loans would be available to businesses that would create jobs. She noted that she would be happy to help anyone that might be interested in learning more or applying for funds.

John Wadsworth made a motion to adjourn. Rodney Cooney seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Transcribed by Jenna Pugliese, Clerk