

Town Plan Steering Committee

March 18, 2014

5:30 – 7pm

Present: Marshall Paulsen, Matt Holland, Alison Anand, Gary Bressor, Brad Elliot, Heidi Bormann, Mike Foote, Kristin Novotny, Jeff Forward, Wright Preston, Joy Reap, Clare Rock (Town Planner)

Clare Rock started the meeting by having attendees introduce themselves and then provided a general overview of the process of updating the town plan and the timeline. With Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) funding the town will be hiring a consultant whose primary purpose will be to help create a public engagement process to ensure as many people in Richmond have the opportunity to provide input on the creation of the town plan. The consultant will also be updating the census and economic data to be used in the new town plan. The Steering committee will be fairly informal and will serve in an advisory role and provide recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Rock presented the following presentation titled “Planning and Zoning in Vermont” which provided an overview of some current land use planning concepts and the currently regulatory framework of planning in Vermont a copy of the presentation can be viewed here:

<http://www.richmondvt.gov/departments/planning-zoning/richmond-2021-new-town-plan/steering-committee/>

Discussion followed which included questions about the process and past planning efforts. It is anticipated the consultant will attend the second meeting in March where they will present a variety of outreach activities which could be used in Richmond.