

1 Richmond Planning Commission

2 Wednesday, April 19, 2017

3 Approved Minutes

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4 **Members Present:** Brian Tellstone, Mark Fausel, Sean Foley, Joy Reap, Alex Brosam

5 **Absent:** Lauck Parke

6 **Others Present:** Bob Lowe, John Rankin, Mary Houle, Jon Kart, Wright Preston, Chuck Farr,  
7 Brad Elliot, Judy Rosovsky, Clare Rock (Staff)

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9 Public Comment

10 John Rankin provided comments on the Town Plan and referred to the healthy and accessible  
11 vision statements and recommend the town plan include reference to accessible healthcare.  
12 Rankin referred to FPF archives and the minutes of Dec 2012, which included references to  
13 “undesirable” clinics such as planned parenthood, addiction clinics or transient healthcare  
14 services. Rankin wanted to ensure the town plan didn’t discriminate against these types of  
15 healthcare. The town should not distinguish between “good” and “bad” health care providers and  
16 feels this would conflict with the town plan vision statement. Foley asked John Rankin to submit  
17 some draft language for consideration. Bob Lowe suggested healthcare professionals be  
18 consulted for some suggestions.

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20 Administrative Items & Updates

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22 Approve meeting minutes - April 5, 2017

23 Tellstone made a motion to approve the April 5, 2017 minutes, seconded by Fausel, all in favor.

24 So voted.

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26 Updates – Rock provided the following updates:

- 27 ○ The Town has received Notice of Public Hearing for Jericho Zoning
- 28 Changes
- 29 ○ The Town has received Notice of Public Hearing for the Bolton Town
- 30 Plan
- 31 ○ If a PC member wants to attend the Downtown Conference in White
- 32 River Junction, let Rock know.

33 Zoning Administrator Candidate Recommendation – Candidate A withdrew his application.

34 Tellstone made a motion to recommended Candidate B to the Selectboard to be appointed

35 Zoning Administrator, seconded by Reap, all in favor. So voted.

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37 Town Plan

38 Natural and Working Lands Chapter – continued review and discussion. Bob Lowe started by  
39 providing an overview – see handout titled “Planning Commission report, 4/19/17 – Overview.”  
40 Also see handout titled “Richmond Town Plan, Natural resources and Working Lands Section  
41 (4/8/17 draft).”

42 The CC identified 3 priority areas, which all have multiple attributes:

- 43 1. Gillette Pond – highest priority
- 44 2. Bryant Hill
- 45 3. North of Route 2

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1 Lowe also recommends a re-working of the maps and asked in the PC was interested in the CC  
2 moving ahead with developing various tiers of natural resources which are contained within the 3  
3 property areas.

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5 Additional discussion followed and included a recognition that the strategies listed on page 2 of  
6 “Planning Commission report, 4/19/17 – Overview” are incorporated within the draft chapter’s  
7 Goals, Targets and Actions. Discussion included a concerns about private landowner rights.

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10 Houle wants to make sure there isn’t any surprises in the town plan mapping where new sensitive  
11 issues. The PC would like to engage the large land owners in this discussion to ensure they are  
12 aware of the town plan content prior to adoption. Tellstone reminded people that it is our whole  
13 town, not just the PC’s town plan and reminded people the meetings are always open to the  
14 public and many times no members of the public attend the meetings.

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16 Review of draft chapter *Natural and Working Lands draft April 6 2017* specific comments:

- 17 - Include references to what the state is responsible for managing or legislating.
- 18 - Remove explicit measurements from the town plan actions and targets (such as on page  
19 25)
- 20 - Discussion about the length and format of the chapter and the suggestion to either put a  
21 lot of the information either in the appendix or a stand-alone document.
- 22 - Page 22, line 22 – question about what “formalize the role scientific assessment...”  
23 means – providing the DRB with a map or specific resources or processes to assist in the  
24 review process.
- 25 - Pg 24, action (line5) it should be more about education rather than local regulation.  
26 Change the word “protect”? Change to increase education
- 27 - Page 24 action (line 9) soften the word “restrict.”
- 28 - Page 24, action (line23) define “best practices” reference Rural Roads Program?
- 29 - Page 25, line 19, what is the action trying to accomplish – to minimize run off?
- 30 - Page 24, action item in bullet on line 13 – break into 2 actions, remove the slope %. Keep  
31 the word “establish”
- 32 - Page 26, line 17 action – should the first part even be an action?
- 33 - Page 28, line 1 – ?

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35 Reap acknowledged the work of the CC and thanked them for their contributions, as did Foley.  
36 The PC shall take this draft, the CC will discuss the possibility of Tier-ing at their next meeting  
37 and let Rock know if and when this would be possible as part of the town plan.

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39 Adjourn -

40 *Tellstone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Reap, all in favor. So voted.*

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42 The meeting ending at 9:00pm

43 Respectfully submitted by Clare Rock, Town Planner

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