

1 Richmond Planning Commission  
2 Regular Meeting  
3 Wednesday, Dec 7, 2016  
4 Unapproved Minutes

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5 **Members Present:** Sean Foley, Joy Reap, Brian Tellstone, Alex Brosam, Lauck Parke, Clare Rock  
6 (Staff)

7 **Absent:** Marc Hughes, Mark Fausel

8 **Others Present:** Brad Elliot, Judy Rosovsky, Wright Preston, Jon Kart

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10 Foley opened the meeting at 7:05pm

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12 Public Comment – none

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14 Administrative Items & Updates

- 15 - Approve meeting minutes – minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next
- 16 meeting.
- 17 - Staff Updates –
  - 18 o Public Safety Committee - continues to meet and are working to better
  - 19 define the construction estimates.
  - 20 o Buttermilk / Creamery - the hearing has been continued to Dec 21.
  - 21 o Zoning Administrator - interviews have been scheduled for next week.
  - 22 o MPG - we didn't get the municipal planning grant, it was a competitive
  - 23 round, and we'll have a more competitive application once we have a new
  - 24 approved town plan.

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27 Natural and Working Lands

28 Rock gave a brief overview of the Dec 6 draft and the revised maps (Natural and Working Lands  
29 Maps A, B, and C). Rock added the need to add the following to the draft:

- 30 - Add effects of stormwater runoff on water quality, mention VT Clean Water Act
- 31 and the new need for a stormwater management plan and the municipal roads
- 32 permit.
- 33 - Add recognition of a 750' life zone to vernal pools section.
- 34 - Add more info on working lands, specifically in regard to agriculture soils, the
- 35 purpose of the soils, how the soils are use (for farming.) Add info about the
- 36 different farming operations in Richmond (raising livestock and forest products.)
- 37 - Question raised: Should we map all 13 significant plant communities or only the
- 38 ones called out specifically as most important?
- 39 - Add more info on topographic features and geologic features, specifically the
- 40 unique landscape features (such as wooded hillsides, views of Camels Hump,
- 41 Huntington Gorge, Monitor Barns..?)
- 42 - Climate Change discussion will also be included in the Safe and resilient
- 43 Communities section.
- 44 - Add more info on invasive species from Jon Karts documents.
- 45 - Discussion of Goal I (and associated targets and actions):
  - 46 o Target 1, strike uniform and add "named" (as in all named streams)
  - 47 o Target 5, revisit slope %
  - 48 o Target 7, rephrase to "responsible floodplain management and best
  - 49 practices for improved protection

1                                   ○ Target 9, PC is ok with, responsible party should be PC.  
2 Discussion followed about the review process. This is the first review by the PC, there will be  
3 subsequent reviews by the PC and the Steering Committee before the draft is finalized for public  
4 review.

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6 Adjourn

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

9 The meeting ending at 9:00pm

10 Respectfully submitted by Clare Rock, Town Planner