

Town of Pawlet Planning Commission Working Session
Pawlet Town Office
Pawlet, VT
Monday, June 15, 2015
7:30 pm

Members in Attendance:

Wayne Clarke
Paul Elsholz
Eric Mach

Members Absent:

Gary Baierlein
Lenny Gibson
Fred Stone
Harry Van Meter

Also In Attendance:

Barbara Noyes Pulling, Rutland Regional Planning Commission

This working session was devoted entirely to writing the new Town Plan.

Barbara summarized state statutes and important elements that should be included in the Flood Resilience section. A discussion of culverts ensued. The Town Plan will address culverts on municipally-owned roads. How should undersized culverts on state and private roads be dealt with? Should the Select Board consider hiring a bridge/culvert expert?

Wayne suggested that the Town Plan "flag" system weaknesses so that the Select Board can address individual deficiencies as resources/funding becomes available.

Barbara volunteered to write a boilerplate draft of the Flood Resilience section. Wayne will fill in the details. Wayne noted that Keith Mason and Clarence Decker have a lot of specific knowledge that may be useful in order to fully develop the Flood Resilience chapter.

Eric is working on the Economic Development section.

Paul volunteered to work on the Utilities, Facilities and Services section.

Barbara suggested that Susan Schreiber of RRPC may be willing to help develop the Transportation section.

Eric noted that it might be efficient to invite public comment on both the Bylaws and the Town Plan on the same day.

Eric suggested that additional working sessions may be helpful to meet submission deadlines.

The working session ended at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Elsholz