**Canaan Planning Commission**

October 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes start 7pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Gail Fisher (remote), Jesse Noone (remote), Julie Giroux, Margaret Knapp, Larry Pryor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 9th meeting was approved. A quorum was established

MEETING MINUTES TOWN PLAN

Discussion Plan

Priority Actions for Canaan

1) Request and establish a Community Visit from Vermont Council on Rural

Development (VRCD)

2) Planning Commission must meet regularly with committed members from

committees and non-profit groups. Explicit support and direction from

Selectboard.

3) Fill Municipal positions: town has been working hard to fill position

4) Update zoning to minimize forest fragmentation through subdivision of land

or large developments: revision and review

5) Identify potential locations and properties near or within Village Center

designations that would be suitable for appropriately scaled multi-unit housing

Transportation: Strategies to achieve goals.

Facilities: Appoint Planning Commission members from members of each committee in

Town, seek grant funds

Housing: Considers ways to acquire land and prepare for planned housing development, use

what we have, look for assisted housing, elderly housing

Education; after school program. ARPA funds are complete and no longer being used to run

after school program.

Economic Development: look for new upcoming business’ to collect municipal taxes, decrease

tax burden on residents. Look at tourist attractions. Mountain Bike trails: Contact Abby Long

from Kingdom Trails

Hunting, fishing, use a economic boost

Community / Heath &amp;amp; Well Being / Creative Placemaking build regional and

neighboring support, speeding reduction

Energy: Effciency Vermont,

Clean energy

Flood &amp;amp; Climate Resilience watershed protection, flood protection

Land Use: Shape the future of the town. People are aging, how can they be safe walking,

building safe sidewalks. Review Zoning bylaws. Capital improvement plans

Natural, Scenic, &amp;amp; Historic Resources: Library successful grant

Policies are clear

Jesse provided update on his progress. He will have a rough draft of the plan on the 30 th . Jesse

is in contact with Zach

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be October 30th @ 7pm

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:00pm and was passed unanimously.