

Roxbury Planning Commission
Minutes from July 5, 2018 Meeting

Present: Lucinda Sullivan, Kate Jackson, Mike French Gloria Danforth
Community members: Dave Santi

The meeting was called to order by Lucinda Sullivan at 6pm.

Dave Santi shared history on his time and experience on a previous planning commission board.

Lucinda explained why we have to update the current town plan, and how to access Roxbury's current Town Plan.

The following deficiencies in the current town plan were discussed.

- High water table in the village - current plan lacks direction in how to resolve this issue.
- Affordable housing - current plan lacks accessory dwelling as a form of affordable housing.
- Act 171 Forestry Bill needs to be included in updated town plan.
- Additional discussion on employment and unemployment should be included in the updated town plan.
- More detail should be included in regards to responsibility and timeframe of implementation of plan.
- Local foods and air quality are not currently included in the town plan.
- Additional information to include historic and natural features to define what "significant," "important," and "outstanding" mean to the community.

Brief discussion followed in regards to:

- How to get townspeople involved.
- It was agreed that a survey should be done to better understand what is important to everyone in the community.
- Old roads that connect East Roxbury and Roxbury and the potential of reconnecting the two.
- Designating a village center in Roxbury for the benefit of access to grants.
- Potential building sites in town in regards to state septic laws.
- Roxbury's waterways, headwaters and the fish hatchery.

It was decided that each member of the planning commission will look into the deficiencies of Roxbury's current town plan and report back to the board at our next meeting.

- Lucinda Sullivan will research village center designation and forest integrity.
- Mike French will research energy planning and keep an eye open for its relation to air quality.
- Gloria Danforth will research employment and unemployment in Roxbury and keep an eye open for its relation to local foods.
- Kate Jackson will research accessory dwellings as affordable housing.
- The board will begin referencing other Vermont town plans as a resource.
- The board keep survey questions in mind while doing research.

The next meeting is set for July 31 @ 6:30pm at the Roxbury Town Clerk's Office.

Lucinda Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7pm.

