

Berlin, VT
Planning Commission Meetings
Wednesday, May 09, 2018
7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Commissioner Members Present: Karla Nuissl, Clara Ayer and Geoff Ferrell.

Others: Robert Wernecke, Ron Lyon and Thomas Badowski.

7:05 PM Call to Order by Chair Nuissl

Public Comment: NONE

Approval of Minutes: Ferrell Moved and Nuissl Second a Motion to approve the April 11, 2018 Minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Nuissl Moved and Ayer Second a Motion to approve the April 25, 2018 Minutes with one correction. That being in the fourth bullet replacing “sanctioned” with “decided”. Motion passed unanimously.

Continued Discussion of Amendments to Town Plan.

Robert Wernecke and Ron Lyon offered the following comments on the DRAFT Town Plan:

- Page 5 under **Policies** add the following at the beginning of #5 “**Encourage and support continued permanent conservation of public and private land.**”
- Page 15 have the Riverton Center Map be reflective of the Hamlet boundaries in the proposed Zoning Regulations and then reference the Town Fire Station and Town Parcel R11-019.000 there.
- Page 17 under **Description Berlin Pond** change the next to last sentence to read “...the roads around the pond are popular places for walking, biking **and nature observations like bird watching.**”
- Page 20 under **Rail** revise the last sentence to read “...line is available from the Montpelier Junction Station, **located in Berlin,** and is the only...”
- Page 20 under **Priority Needs** revise the second bullet to read “...is no longer considered a viable option, **however the 2015 US 302 Berlin Bicycle and Pedestrian Scoping Study identifies new alternatives for bicycle and pedestrian use.**”
- Page 22 under **Planning Considerations** last sentence of second paragraph should read “The town should **consider working** with neighboring municipalities...”
- Page 23 under **Renewable Energy Resources** first sentence should read “Renewable energy sources – **hydro,** solar, wind, biomass...”

- Page 23 on the **Potential for Wind or Solar Energy Generation in Berlin Map** add a bullet reflecting the area north and west of I89 Exchange #6 stating “**Commercial wind on conservation area west of I89 would not be compatible with conservation goals.**”
- Page 24 under **Siting Standards** add a fifth bullet that states “**Consideration should be given to redevelopment of gravel pits for commercial solar energy projects.**”
- Page 27 under **Actions** from the #1 delete “**including pursuing a local option tax.**”
- Page 29 under **Floodplains** change fourth sentence to read “However, the frequency and intensity of major floods **may have increased** during the past two decades...”
- Page 30 first sentence should read “Given that **flood damage is exasperated by human activity** it can also be mitigated by human actions.”
- Page 30 under **500-Year Floodplain** **delete the last sentence.**
- Page 30 **Major Floods in Berlin 1927-2017** reference the source of this data and **delete** the portions of the time line graph from 1927 to 1995.

Next Planning Commission Meeting will be the Public Hearing on the DRAFT Town Plan May 23, 2018, in the library of the Berlin Elementary School at 7 PM

Adjourn Chair Nuissl adjourned at 9:12 PM