

**Thetford Planning Commission
November 13, 2018 – APPROVED Minutes**

Present: Jason Crance (Chair), David Forbes, Jamie Thaxton, Dean Whitlock (Recording Clerk)

Absent: Liz Ryan Cole

Guests: None

(Numbers below refer to agenda items.)

1. Jason called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Review of the minutes from the 10/30/18 meeting.

The minutes were accepted as amended.

4. Selectboard Report

None

5. Review and modify Town Plan draft based on Selectboard and TRORC comments

The review took up where it had left off at the end of the previous meeting, summarizing the descriptions of the Tools for Historic Preservation (grants, programs, and organizations that a Town could use to preserve historic districts, buildings, etc.). The review then moved on to the Goals, Policies, and Recommendations. The goals and policies were not changed.

Recommendations 1, 2, 5, and 6 were removed because they were part of the charter of the Thetford Historical Society, which is not a Town organization. Dean noted that the Historical Society will continue to pursue the activities regardless of what is in the Town Plan. There was a lengthy discussion of the final recommendation, which says the Town should support developing or improving a list of vehicles for increasing interest in the Town's history. To underscore that this was a suggestion, not a requirement, the clause "should consider" was substituted. The list of vehicles was edited to clarify the text.

The review moved on to Chapter X, Scenic Resources. The narrative was shortened by removing the first photo and two redundant paragraphs. Dean noted that this was already the shortest chapter in the Town Plan. A third paragraph was shortened by removing several repetitive examples of how different Town departments might clash over priorities that would affect the Town's scenic resources. Policy 2 was reworded slightly. Recommendation 1 was deleted; it referred to state and private organizations over which the Town had no authority. Recommendation 5 was moved up to be Recommendation 1 in order to stress its importance. Recommendation 7 (now 6) was shortened by the removal of a redundant clause.

The review moved on to Chapter XI, Land Use. Once again, the narrative was shortened by removing redundant text, outdated text, text that was unsupported by data or citation, and text

that was not needed to describe current conditions or support the Goals, Policies, and Recommendations. Jason noted that there seemed to be very little that should be removed. Three tables need to be updated: Taxable Property by Type (DCF will contact the Listers), Approved Subdivisions and Zoning Permits Issued (Jason will contact the Zoning Administrator). There appears to be an error in the description of the Flood Hazard Area Zoning Bylaw; Dean will check the original to see what needs to be corrected. The entire narrative section was reviewed.

It being after 9:00 p.m., Jason ended the review for the night. The next meeting will be held on the usual third Tuesday, November 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Whitlock, Recording Clerk, Thetford Planning Commission