

The Planning Commission has been busy working on updating and revising the Town Plan in anticipation of its re-adoption in 2009. This process, while requiring a lot of work, illuminates for us the rich history, varied landscapes, abundant natural resources, strong civic involvement, and impressive cultural identity of our town. It reminds us of Dummerston's role in the local economy and our connections to the surrounding region. It reveals to us the good work done by many residents to preserve the town's treasures and to keep us moving forward as a community. We find it a real treat to give Dummerston's past and present such a close look as we do our best to plan for its future.

We were visited at a recent meeting by Bob Glennon, Dummerston's middle school science teacher, and resident John Warren, who gave us a great presentation about the possible location of gravel deposits within the town. Using geological information about likely glacial movements, Bob, John, and Bob's students identify likely sites and screen samples to determine gravel size and density. Although their research and field work has not yet led to the discovery of a gravel motherlode that would solve our road maintenance needs for decades to come, we remain optimistic!

We are looking forward to the annual All Boards meeting in June, which the Planning Commission hosts each year. The meeting allows the various town boards to catch up on what the others are doing, to find out possible areas of collaboration, to develop strategies for issues that transcend individual board responsibility, and to generally have as good a time as possible in a room full of town officials. Should you want to share in this special brand of fun, the meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, at 7 pm in the basement of the Congregational Church.