

PUBLIC HEARING

AUGUST 11, 2004

7:00 P.M.

This Public Hearing about the Proposed Town Plan was held at the Town Office in Dummerston Center, Vermont at 7 PM.

Selectboard members present: Paul Normandeau, Chairman; Shorty Forrett, Vice-Chair; Lester Dunklee, Clerk; Jack Manix, Cindy Jerome.

Others present: Dummerston Planning Commission members Cindy Wilcox, Elizabeth Catlin, Bob Wainwright. Dummerston Zoning Board member Lew Sorenson; Gail Sorenson, Jody Normandeau.

Elizabeth Catlin summarized that the Proposed Plan with updates to the Land Use Element. With the Windham Regional Commission's approval of the Plan, the Town would be eligible for Planning Grants. The WRC encourages changes to the present "Strip and Island" approach to conserved lands. The Plan does away with Conservation Area and creates Conservation Resource Districts that includes privately conserved area and will use other criteria such as geography of land, animal habitats, septic suitability, natural resources, soil limitations to define the Conservation Reserve Districts. The Plan also creates two Hamlets and another Village within the Town.

The Selectboard received a letter from Lew and Gail Sorenson recommending that the Plan should state that these amendments are the first phase of changes recommended by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission intends to study and recommend further changes to reflect the needs of the Town.

The Selectboard moved and passed a Motion to Adopt the New Town Plan with minor changes.

A letter was signed and sent to the Windham Regional Commission requesting approval of this newly adopted Town Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Approved _____

Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman

Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes by Lester Dunklee