



GEORGIA VERMONT

Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

Zoom Details:

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Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

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1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:36 PM

BOARD PRESENT

Chair Suzanna Brown
Charles Cross
Heather Dunsmore
Jared Waite
Tony Heinlein

STAFF PRESENT

Kollene Caspers, Zoning Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michael Allen, ReGrowth

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

3. DISCUSSION

A. ReGrowth: Draft Town Plan Goals & Policies

- Question from a community member why churches are addressed in the Town Plan, this Town Plan is a reflection on what our town interests are in the community, inclusive of clubs, organizations, sports, and other related activities.

- S. Brown questioned how work-from-home and new small businesses from home are represented as home businesses.

- Population and Growth, highlights on the aging demographic, as well as age distribution. Ensure this information reflects the data obtained with the town plan survey.
- Home Values- prior Town Plan used Market Value, ReGrowth is examining information to include in the new plan without using tax assessment data. The last census was missing data due to COVID restrictions and is not a good reflection of 2024's home values in Georgia.
- Market Value numbers (pg. 30, 2017 Town Plan), what sources did this data come from to help guide how the new Home Values are going to be presented in the new Town Plan?
- S. Brown questioned the Median Home values vrs. Market Home Values: the Town Plan should present the data in a way that is most understandable to the general public.
- Property types, (pg. 29, 2017 Town Plan) this data may be available from the tax assessor. ReGrowth will collect and confirm the numbers at our next meeting.
- Board members will send their research to the town for ReGrowth to add to the updated Draft Plan. Next meeting ReGrowth will present updated edits and additions to the Town Plan.
- Cultural Resources, (pg. 49, 2017 Town Plan) historical markers are listed separately from the State Register of Historic Places. There is also a Franklin Co. document that lists nearby historical information. No map of historical sites available, but it is something we can create.
- ReGrowth's goal is to get a complete section III Draft Report to the Planning Commission before the next meeting for review and discussion.

B. Town Plan Analysis, by Section

T. Heinlein left the meeting.

ReGrowth Draft Plan, April 2024 Draft:

Part I, Introduction: corrections and additions. S. Brown is making notes on her report copy to send to M. Allen.

J. Waite- Presentation on Education and Recreation Sections:

- EDUCATION- send data to ReGrowth to include in Draft Town Report. Similar to the last town plan with updated student data and area high schools and colleges. Add the year the State of Vermont allowed for private school tuition reimbursement.

- RECREATION- Updated recreational areas, including more specific location information on the Town Trail #4 and Henley Webster Town Forest, 10 acres off Bovat Road, home to Georgia's town forest; includes benches, picnic tables and hiking loop. Lost Pond is not advertised as a park, as it is more conservation, no right of way, land-locked.

H. Dunsmore- Presentation on Fire & Emergency Services, Elderly Daycares, Childcare, Doggy Daycares and the Churches of Georgia, VT sections:

- FIRE & EMERGENCY: suggestion to include any drug overdose information and the hours of the new full-time EMT.

- ELDER DAYCARE- short list of care centers, suggestion to also include bussing information.

- DOGGY DAYCARE- include additional suggestions in & around Burlington.

- **CHILDCARE**- statistics from birth to age 12, as well as what is available here in Georgia. A statement should be made that Georgia does not have enough childcare facilities, as is the case in other Franklin County communities.

- **CHURCHES**- Five active churches to date, which should include a history of the two oldest churches in town. H. Dunsmore will reach out to the churches and the Georgia Historical Society. The Town Plan should include some geographical location information.

- **ZONING ACRES**- Comparables with area towns (Fairfax, Fairfield, Grande Isle, Jericho, Milton, Westford, etc.) to gauge trending lot sizes and how Georgia may change the Zoning Districts and regulations to better serve our community.

Library information will be compiled by C. Cross & Administration will be compiled by S. Brown.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Planning Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024

Motion to approve minutes with no changes.

Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Waite.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Cross, Dunsmore, Waite

5. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. Planning Meeting April 23, 2024

M. Allen from ReGrowth will continue with Town Plan Draft update.

Planning Commission will continue with Town Plan updates by section, the layout of the Town Plan and discussion.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. DELIBERATIONS

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:15pm

Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Waite.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Cross, Dunsmore, Waite

Posted to the Town website

Signed: Douglas Bergstrom, Zoning Administrator, Planning Coordinator

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