Craftsbury Planning Commission
June 19, 2024 DRAFT Minutes

In Attendance: Farley Brown, David Koschak, Ross Davis, Lucas Schulz, Alison Low (NVDA)

Guest: Susie Houston

Absent: Logan Jones, Rudy Chase, Dave Rowell, Gordon Waterhouse

1. May 15 Minutes: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Ross. Approved.
2. Town Plan Rewrite updates: Each section will have an introductory paragraph, a list of Existing Conditions, and a list of Policies, Goals, and Strategies. The section updates are as follows:
    a. Ecological Balance:
        i. Farley mentions we should include an inventory of trees vulnerable to the Emerald Ash Borer; she will send a slideshow with this information.
        ii. Lucas suggests clarifying the map by noting the St. Francois River is part of the Memphremagog watershed. Farley will also work on making the description of the Lamoille watershed more concise.
        iii. Susie will provide language about wall lettuce. Overall, this section should make clear that the main concern with invasives is the loss of biodiversity.
        iv. The Plan will name only the significant floodplains.
        v. Alison notes that we should explain that river corridors and floodplains do not necessarily overlap.
        vi. Farley will get feedback about Policies, Goals, and Strategies from the Conservation Commission.
    b. Cultural: Changes to Act 250 will put pressure on communities to adopt zoning. Zoning is often used to “preserve rural character” and the Cultural section has shifted to identify what “rural character” means in Craftsbury in order to focus the zoning conversation.
    c. Infrastructure: This sub-group met and is making progress; Rudy is working on getting broadband coverage maps. Another meeting will be necessary to address the ways different locations in town could fill various functions in the future.

Ross motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lucas. Next meeting July 17, 2024.