

**Town of Guilford
Planning Commission Meeting Notes—draft**

6:30 pm Monday September 16, 2019 at the Guilford Town Office

PC Members present: Chuck Clark, Thayer Tomlinson, Nathanael Matthiesen, Michelle Frehsee, Jethro Eaton

Call to order: 6:45 pm

Recognition of Public: No public

Business

1. Feedback on Vernon Hazard Plan: Guilford does not have a hazard plan; Vernon's plan is a very thorough resource. We may want to create a Guilford Hazard Plan in the future. Thayer will ask Peder Rude to print out a copy of the Hazard Plan to have on the bookshelf.
2. Feedback on V-Trans Road Safety Audit Report: What are options to reduce speeds through town—especially in high population areas? Michelle noted that it was voted to change the speed limit in Guilford Center from 35 mph to 25 mph and in the Town of Algiers from 35 mph to 30 mph. Thayer will ask Peder Rude to print a copy of this report and leave at the Town Office for Chuck.
3. Set date for Handbook Meeting: postpone for next meeting.
4. Scheduling remainder of Town Plan work through 2019: Need to have the full commission here for many of these discussions and planning.
5. Review and Discuss Town Plan
 - a. Economy and Business:
 - i. The PC decided to postpone this discussion until the October meeting. Michelle noted that much of the Goals and Policies sections including programs like BDCC and SeVEDS issues are out of date (as is much of the remaining information for business development).
 - ii. All agreed that the Discussion section is well done.
 - b. Recreation: Thayer suggested we ask the recreation commission to rewrite the section since it is dated. Michelle added that it is important for the recreation commission to understand how the group came about. Michelle suggested we send the recreation section to the commission; Nathanael will communicate our suggestion to the recreation commission and ask them to do a rewrite in advance of our next meeting.
 - c. Natural Resources section: Jethro will reach out to Linda Hecker of the Conservation Commission to review, update and add any new information. He will remind her that this stands for 8 years.
 - d. Energy section: Thayer suggested the Energy Committee review the updated Energy section and make suggested updates. Thayer will work with the Energy Committee to make the updates.

- e. Education section: Jethro will reach out to Emma Hallowell and Sandra Cortes and begin the discussion on updating this section.
6. For next meeting:
 - a. Discuss Economy and Business
 - b. Thayer will give an estimate of the time required to do the plan rewrite based on the edits that have been made to sections so far.

Communications

- The Town of Leyden MA sent a notice of continuation of public hearing on September 25, 2019 at 7pm at the Leyden Town Hall.

Close of Meeting: 7:39pm; next meeting will be Monday October 21, 2019.