



# Town of Barnard, Vermont

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## **BARNARD PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - DRAFT**

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

**Present:** Gerald Fredrickson, Greyling VanAlstyne, Kate Reeves (Vice Chair), Carin Park, Ed Jodice, Brooks Wright.

**Also Present:** Richard Lancaster (Selectman), Rob Ramrath (Administrative Officer), Doreen Hurley (Subcommittee Member)

### **AGENDA:**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

**2. Review agenda**

Item 8A was added to the agenda.

**3. Public comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Approve Minutes of September 25, 2023**

The minutes were approved.

**5. Scenic Ridgeline Subcommittee Update**

Ed Jodice gave an update on the two subcommittee meetings to date. Doreen Hurley and Ed suggested changed language to the draft Town Plan regarding ridgeline development: “Deter the degradation of the character, beauty and visual appeal of the rural Barnard landscape by restricting inappropriately sited development of residences, or businesses thus protecting steep slopes, an uninterrupted skyline and designated ridgelines.” The updated entry was approved for inclusion in the draft Town Plan.

**6. Municipal Planning Grant Update**

Rob Ramrath reported that the application for the Municipal Planning Grant had been approved by the Selectboard and submitted. The Municipal Planning Grant is targeted for the pending work to update The Barnard Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

**7. FY 2025 Budget**

Rob reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal 2025 for the Planning Commission. Ed mentioned that we needed to consider the potential costs of ridgeline mapping. It was decided that Ed will propose ARPA funds for mapping costs to the Selectboard

in early December. If unsuccessful, the mapping costs will be requested in the fiscal 2025 Planning Commission budget.

**8. Other business**

**a. Discuss moving Town Plan to Selectboard – take a public vote**

A few minor updates to correct factual errors were made to the draft Town Plan. A motion was made by Ed Jodice: Move to approve the Draft Town Plan as written with this evening's updates (for submission to the Selectboard). The motion received a second from Kate Reeves. The motion was unanimously approved. Rob said he would bring the draft Town Plan to the Selectboard after the first of the year, as the Selectboard was heavy into budget work until then.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned that 8:32 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Administrative Officer. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on December 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Barnard Town Hall.