



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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BARNARD SELECTBOARD MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING, BARNARD TOWN HALL March 19, 2025

Present: Rock Webster, Richard Lancaster, Kurt Lessard

Also Present: Kassie Hull, Kate Reeves, Ed Jodice, Steve Cota, Brooks Wright, Ellen Miles, Zach Dayno, Adelaide McCracken, Steve Killam, Doreen Hurley, Chris Pelrino, Teo Zagar, Justin Reich, Peter Kahn, Linda Treash, Lynne Martin, Garth Quillia, Justin Reich. **Present by ZOOM:** Tom Ayres, Kyle Katz, Howard Daughtry, Peter Stoddard, Bill Klein, Penny Webster, Elisa.

Rock opened the hearing at 7:02PM. He made a statement about the passing of Bob Edmunds and the temporary appointment of Kurt Lessard as Selectboard Member.

Steve Cota, Chair of the Barnard Planning Commission, introduced Ed Jodice, Chair of the Ridgeline Subcommittee who drafted the proposed ridgeline review overlay text with the help of Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission.

Ed provided a brief history of the work of the subcommittee for the past two years.

Zach Dayno asked the Planning Commission to explain the methodology used to determine which ridgelines would be included in the ridgeline review overlay. Dayno stated that he supports the intent of the proposal, but the current text was “subjective” and potentially “unfair” to some landowners.

The Planning Commission, with the help of Kyle Katz, explained that they worked with Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission to create the Ridgeline Review Overlay map. They mapped a line connecting tops of prominent ridges, which was generally based on watershed areas. Ed Jodice organized field studies and drove around the roads to check ridgeline visibility, determining which ridges or knobs are visible or prominent from public roads. Next, the group mapped 750-foot buffers from the designated ridgelines on the map, while removing from the zone any land within 300 feet of Class I, Class II, or Class III town highways and state highways.

Ed confirmed that the Planning Commission did not use elevation as a determinant because that may have captured too much of some ridges and too little of others.

Attendees shared appreciation of the work and consideration of the subcommittee and



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asked the Selectboard what the next steps of the process will be, after the current hearing. The Selectboard voted to put the question to a town vote.

Rock closed the hearing at 7:56PM.

Minutes Prepared by Kassie Hull, Clerk of the meeting.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Richard Lancaster

Kurt Lessard