

**Land Use Regulation Update Committee**  
*Town of Ferrisburgh, Vt.*

DRAFT – Minutes for meeting of December 4, 2019.

**Members present:** Bonnie Barnes, Bob Beach, Gail Blasius, Anne Cohn, Carl Cole, Clark Hinsdale, Arabella Holzapfel, Karen Pettersen, Kurt Plank, Jean Richardson, Norm Smith.

**1. Call to order; approve minutes.** Arabella Holzapfel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Anne Cohn made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on October 22, 2019, as submitted. Jean Richardson seconded. **Motion approved.**

Committee members congratulated Arabella Holzapfel and Bonnie Barnes on the town's success in getting a state grant to fund a study of how to approach development density in a small, rural town. The grant, for a total of \$8,946, will help the town study the issues surrounding development and reach out to townspeople for their opinions.

**2. Review of draft bylaw regulations.** Jean Richardson spent much of the meeting walking committee members through a draft of the new zoning bylaws. The draft pulls together the existing bylaws, changes suggested by the Land Use Regulation Update Committee, and proposed bylaws changes drafted in 2007. The draft also includes material prepared by consultant Brandy Saxton; many of these sections have been abbreviated since they involve aligning the town's regulations with state law. The bylaws would refer readers to applicable state statutes, making the town's bylaws shorter and ensuring they will not have to be amended if state law changes.

Jean told the committee members the draft was an attempt to put everything into one document, to help prepare for the next stage of the committee's deliberations, and to generally shorten and simplify the bylaws.

The committee expects to invite the public to its next meeting, on December 11, for an open discussion about the role of zoning revisions in town growth, which aligns with the work the town will be doing with the help of the new state grant.

Following the presentation by Jean, committee members were asked to read over the draft bylaws and send their thoughts to Jean and Bonnie. The committee will continue its discussion of the document at its first meeting in the new year.

**3. Adjournment.** Kurt Plank made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Anne Cohn seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion approved.**

— Respectfully submitted,

Tim Etchells