

Town Center Committee Meeting  
Sept 18, 2025  
Ferrisburgh Town Hall

Attendees: Bonnie Barnes, Ariel Bolles, Lindsey Brown, Rick Kerschner  
Absent: Anne Cohn, Keilani Lime

The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm.

Rick motioned to approve August minutes, Ariel seconds. All in favor.

### Open discussion

- Sisters house: Discussion about possibilities for the property and well
  - Rick: Next step is a test for hazardous materials before demolishing the house (probably this fall)
  - Put out a survey about usage?
    - Needs a couple sentences of explanation, and a few questions (e.g., should it be open space? What should be there? Should it be sold or community space?)
    - Discussion on how to frame questions, timing of survey
    - Aim to have draft of questionnaire at next month's meeting
  - Bonnie: The Sisters property, possibility of creating a septic system there? Something innovative?
- Follow-up on the brown church bell: It will be re-installed after construction

### New business

- Planning Commission Public hearing on proposed updates to Town Plan
  - Bonnie on Town Planning Commission meeting Wed 9/17
    - One attendee from the public, Clark Hinsdale. He gave notes beforehand on the draft of the town plan. Good conversation on what should be included, corrections. Didn't get through all of it.
    - Katie Hill (Zoning Administrator) had notes too, but didn't get through them all.
    - Continuing this on Monday 9/22, 6pm
    - Rick: Investigation into septic in town center - mentioned in last month's minutes
      - Bonnie: Things might come up with zoning revisions, possibility of in-fill, some hampered by current zoning density
      - Lindsey to follow up with Carl Cole: What is potential capacity, what was the capacity at school/development

### Old business

- TAP Grant updates (Pedestrian Safety, crosswalk)
  - Lindsey: No new updates at this time. Still waiting for NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) review to complete, early next year.

- Timing for sidewalk to be completed: Likely a few more years
- Once we have final reports from both TAP & TOD grants, we could put together a pamphlet and share that at town meeting
- TOD RAISE Grant updates
  - No update on receiving final draft report
  - Bonnie: Shared update on South Burlington/Ferrisburgh/Vergennes TOD grant progress
- FUMH updates
  - Rick: The first window was installed (cost was \$4200) but as the remaining windows go in the cost should go down to around \$3000 per window. Cost is covered by the restricted donation to the Town. All windows are expected to be installed before the end of the year.

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Next meeting Thursday, October 16, 5:30-6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00. Lindsey moves to adjourn, Ariel seconds. All approve.

Minutes by Ariel Bolles