



## Town & Village Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

344 VT Route 15 West, Hyde Park, VT (lower-level)

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Town Members Present: Eric Williams, Chair; Leslie Rollins, Vice Chair; Richard Pearson, Vacancy

Town Members Remote:

Town Members Absent: Valerie Valcour, Brian Jones, Chris Peel

Village Members Present: Riki French, Village PC Chair; Peter Gallo, Sue Trainor

Village Members Remote: None

Village Members Absent: Amy O'Toole

Attendees Present: Justin Mason, Board Clerk; Stephen McDonald, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Marc Mastrangelo, LCPC; Brian Evans-Mongeon, Village GM

Attendees Remote: None – GMATV did not record this meeting. The meeting was recorded via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by Eric Williams and Riki French, Chairs, at 6:02pm and 6:03pm.

### Joint Planning Commission Meeting

1. **Welcome, changes to the agenda, if any, and Public Comment** – Leslie Rollins presented a plaque from Healthy Lamoille Valley to the Hyde Park Planning Commissions for the Health Chapter of the Municipal Plan.
2. **Energy Goals – Discussion** – Brian Evans-Mongeon presented changes to LCPC with recommendations to consolidate where appropriate to reduce redundancy, reflect capacity, etc. Marc Mastrangelo presented updated energy chapter edits and comments from Meghan Rodier. Zoning regulations for childcare were mentioned. Hydropower was discussed, noting 2 inactive hydro utilities in Hyde Park. The Municipal Plan is required to reference discouraging fragmentation of core forest blocks and wildlife habitats. Stephen McDonald stated maps with overlays are available on the Town website showing the forest blocks and habitat areas, and Marc Mastrangelo stated the map can be a part of the Municipal Plan. Riki French stated the types of renewable energy should be named individually. Meghan Rodier submitted notes with requirements to consider, including ACT 174. Sue Trainor noted the misspelling of “trafficking” on the second to last bullet of the energy policies. The 6<sup>th</sup> bullet under Energy Recommendations was discussed. Note: The Hyde Park Energy Committee is now the Hyde Park Energy and Conservation Committee. The 8<sup>th</sup> bullet under Energy Recommendations were discussed for word smithing, and reference to transportation is required in the energy chapter. Richard Pearson referenced the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet under Chapter 5 transportation policies and noted downstream concerns.

3. **Review of Brian Evans-Mongeon and remaining edits – Discussion** – Incorporated in the discussion above.
4. **6:25pm Adoption Timeline – Review** – The adoption timeline was discussed as presented with projected hearings in September, October and December. A summary sheet of changes was requested to be provided by LCPC, and Marc Mastrangelo noted this may be possible, though there may also be labor concerns. Marc Mastrangelo confirmed that LCPC will prepare the hearing notices and coordinate with newspapers, and the Town and Village are responsible for posting the physical notices.
5. **6:35pm Community Engagement**
  - **What it means** – Riki French recommended having flyers and information beyond the hearing notice to provide information to the public. Draft plans can be posted on the website for consideration. Eric Williams noted that a lot of people he has talked to view this as the work of the government and are not interested.
  - **What groups will be contacted – Public** – The outreach will be made generally through multiple media platforms in Hyde Park.
  - **How they will be contacted - Riki French lead** – Information can be added to FPF, the Newsletter, Facebook, and ads can be posted in physical locations. Riki French will work with Justin Mason to develop a draft posting.
6. **Next Joint Planning Commission Meeting: July 1, 2025**
7. **7:15pm Village Adjournment** – Motion made by Peter Gallo to adjourn, seconded by Sue Trainor.  
Voting: All in favor, 0 against, motion passed. The village meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47pm.

## Town Planning Commission Meeting

1. **7:15pm Meeting Minutes Approval – 05/06/2025 – ACTION ITEM** – Postponed due to lack of quorum.
2. **7:20pm Any Other Business** – None.
3. **7:25pm Adjourn** – Motion made by Eric Williams to adjourn, seconded by Richard Pearson. Voting: All in favor, 0 against, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:49pm.

**Submitted by:** Justin Mason, Board Clerk, Town of Hyde Park, Vermont