

Bethel Planning Commission  
**Minutes: Meeting of 07/17/13**

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Attending: Andrew Delaney (Chair); Fred Dieffenbach; Peter Dohrn; Carla Hodgdon; Chris Sargent (TRORC); Cecil Washburn.

1. **Call to Order:** 7:10 PM.
2. **Review / Revise Agenda:** No changes to draft distributed 07/11/13.
3. **Minutes of 06/19/13 Meeting:** No changes to draft distributed 06/25/13.
4. **Correspondence:** None.
5. **Discussion of proposed amendments to Town Plan chapters as forwarded by Chris Sargent, TRORC:** Commission members had received proposed amendments to the Introduction [Organization of Town Plan, General Purpose and Intent of the Plan, History of Town Planning in Bethel, Town History], Demographics [Population, Age of Population], Economic Development [Economic Statistics, Locations of Economic Activity, Future Economic Development, Goals, Planning Principles (Policies), and Recommendations]. Data has been updated to utilize figures from the 2010 census, not available in 2011 when amendments were most recently done on the Town Plan. Information regarding Economic Development now meets requirements that the former Town Plan did not. Numerous changes were discussed and incorporated involving grammar, wording. Some additions were agreed on.
6. **Preliminary discussion of language pertaining to salvage/junk yards for inclusion in the Bethel Zoning Ordinance [per Select Board Meeting of 06/10/13]:** That the Town have an Ordinance was agreed to. It was the consensus of the Commission that a 'stand-alone' ordinance would be more effective and more rapidly enforceable than being contained in the Zoning Ordinance perse. Additional guidance/clarification would be needed for the Commission to undertake this request.
7. **Other Business:** Recreational vehicles parked in flood hazard areas was not addressed.
8. **Next Meeting / Agenda Items: SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**  
[No Meeting in August.]  
Agenda items: Continued discussion of proposed amendments to the Bethel Town Plan as distributed by Chris Sargent to Commission members prior to the meeting date.
9. **Adjourn:** 9:10 PM.

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Approved: 09/18/13.