

BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION  
**Minutes: Meeting of 02/15/17**

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Attending: Andrew Delaney (Chair), Fred Dieffenbach, Carla Hodgdon, Cecil Washburn.

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 PM.
2. **Review / Revise Agenda:** No changes to draft distributed 02/09/17.
3. **Correspondence:** None.
4. **Review of 01/18/17 Meeting Minutes:** Approved as distributed in draft on 01/19/17.
5. **Discussion of existing Town Plan ( September, 2014):** ‘Due’ in 2019.
  - (a) **identify areas ‘needing work:** We know that the Energy Chapter needs extensive work. Portions of the Regional Plan are being revised, and those changes may well indicate other areas for attention.
  - (b) **identify potential resources for said areas:** As has been mentioned in previous meetings, it is hoped that the Energy Committee will participate with that Chapter. It would be immensely beneficial to have someone from TRORC work with the Commission- this would require a Community Development Grant to cover inherent costs.
  - (c) **identify tentative timeline for Town Plan up-date:**
    - (1) **grant application for TRORC assistance:** The present Commission encourages grant application this fall, with work commencing in early 2018, allowing ample ‘work time’ with three of five members new to the Commission and perhaps needing time to get up-to-speed on the process.
    - (2) **Target date(s) for Public Hearing, transmittal to Select Board:** Ideally, the Commission Public Hearing would be held by April of 2019, with transmittal of the final proposed document to the Select Board by May or June. These target dates would allow adequate time for any changes, second public hearings, and still complete the activity prior to September.
6. **Other Business as Necessary:** None.
7. **Next Meeting / Agenda Items:** *There will be no meeting in March.* Next Meeting will be Wednesday, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Town Office conference room. Agenda items include discussion with a representative of TRORC and their feedback regarding grant availability for work on the next Town Plan given anticipated new membership.
8. **Adjourn:** 7:45 PM.

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