

Bethel Planning Commission  
**Minutes: Meeting of 05/15/13**

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Attending: Andrew Delaney (Chair); Fred Dieffenbach; Peter Dohrn; Carla Hodgdon; Carl Russell.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:59 PM.
2. **Review / Revise Agenda:** No changes to 05/13/13 draft.
3. **Minutes of 04/17/13 Meeting:** Approved as distributed in draft on 04/22/13.
4. **Correspondence:** Communication from TRORC regarding available trainings for local groups- file.
5. **Discussion with Chris Sargent:** Discussion preceded by summary of Chris' recent meeting with Watershed Group regarding contribution to Town Plan amendments: group will make some recommendations for consideration. Carl also shared that Select Board is considering asking this group to be our Conservation Commission.
  - a. **Tentative time line for grant work:** 'Rough' timeline presented: through July, work on Land Use Chapter with public forum/hearing by September. October through February, review of Demographics; Housing; Education; Economic Development; Energy; Natural, Scenic & Historic Resources; Recreation; Transportation. By March, public forum/hearing regarding Flood Hazard Overlay Area. April and May: finish chapter topics as needed, review relationship to other plans, implementation.
  - b. **Progress to date:** Commission's Land Use changes proposed to date confirmed with Chris (decreasing Base Zoning Areas to four). 'Hamlets' where industrial development permitted may need to be separate area(s). Commission clarified current status of required setback from water banks.
  - c. **Tasks for Planning Commission:** Need to provide Chris with specifics regarding Utilities and Facilities: current condition, present/anticipated needs (e.g. Town Office, Town garage, Fire Department, Town Hall).
6. **Report of 04/30/13 Sustainability Consortium meeting:** This is a HUD grant involving three Regional Planning Commissions (Two Rivers, Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee, Springfield) meeting quarterly. Eight workgroups have formed around areas of interest: housing, transportation, energy, economic development, health & society, habitat, water supply, climate resilience. Grant to identify 10-20 year planning guide incorporating anticipated trends as well as connections between workgroup foci. It is not unreasonable to anticipate that some of the final product may appear in our Regional Plan. Progress reports are accessible online at [ecvermont.org](http://ecvermont.org).
7. **Other:** Carl shared that Bethel currently lacks a representative to the TRORC Board, Yaroslav & Elena (alternate) Stanchak having resigned. Meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, with no meeting in July or August. It is important that this position be filled.
8. **Next Meeting / Agenda Items:**

**JUNE 19, 2013: 7:00 PM at the Bethel Town Office.**  
Agenda: Discussion of proposed changes in Land Use Chapter of Bethel Town Plan. Chris Sargent will send to Carla at least one week prior: she will forward to other members.
9. **Adjourn:** 8:20 PM.

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