

STRAFFORD PLANNING COMMISSION
May 19, 2016

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Meeting called to order at 7:03PM.

Present: Steve Campbell, Chair; Stuart Crocker; John Echeverria; Donald Graham; Chrissy Jamieson; Martha Walke; Steve Willbanks; Lorelee Morrow, TRORC.
General public: Michael Sacca, Tunbridge; Gus Speth, Strafford

1. April minutes accepted with corrections.
2. Lorelee Morrow, from TRORC, was introduced. She will be working with us on updating our Town Plan.
3. Steve Campbell announced a meeting in June that Peter Geiger, from TRORC, and the VT Law School are hosting with Mr. Hall of New Vistas. After this meeting, Strafford will host a meeting of the Planning Commissions from the 4 towns involved.

Michael Sacca talked of Tunbridge's community forums and the plans to "beef up" Tunbridge's Town Plan. Sharon is in the better place as far as their conservation language in their Town Plan. Bethel also has good conservation language. Tunbridge is in the worst place as far as conservation language.

Gus Speth spoke of the "real and large" threat of New Vistas - how it would fundamentally change the community. Strafford includes, so far, the largest lot of land owned by New Vistas. He is depending on the Planning Commission to insert strong and clear language into the new Town Plan and to "take to heart" the recommendations from TRORC.

Steve Willbanks talked of the concerns of the Strafford Conservation Committee and announced that their next meeting, May 31 at the Ed. Center, would be a forum on New Vistas.

Steve Campbell spoke of his ideas of repurposing our zoning districts and of our road policies.

4. Lorelee Morrow spoke to the elements required for our Town Plan, due in August, to be adopted (hand out). A subcommittee consisting of Steve Campbell, Donald Graham, Mike Scanlan, and Steve Willbanks, was formed to work with Lorelee. They will work toward meeting state standards and strengthening the language in the Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary