

PLANNING COMMISSION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Planning Commission Members: Steve Shea (Chair), Todd White (Vice Chair), Kari Dolan, Jordan Gonda, Ted Laskaris, and Brian Voigt.

Outgoing & New Members. Long-serving member Hadley Gaylord, Jr. did not seek re-appointment by the Selectboard following his term expiration in 2014. Stan Ward, member since 2012, resigned from his post in 2014. Both of these gentlemen brought great contributions to the Planning Commission meetings and will be missed. Thank you, Hadley and Stan, for your service.

The Commission is happy to welcome its new member, Jordan Gonda, who filled Hadley's vacancy. She currently serves as Legal Counsel for Vermont Agency of Natural Resource's Waste Management and Prevention Division and will offer a unique perspective to the other members.

Stan's resignation results in a vacancy on the Commission. We encourage you to inquire about the Planning Commission's work with the Planning & Zoning Administrator, Susan Senning, at the Town Office if you are interested in participating.

Wastewater Committee. The Planning Commission established a wastewater committee in 2011 to investigate the possible options with respect to decentralized wastewater systems in Waitsfield Village and Irasville.

A report of findings and recommendations was made in 2011 and a plan to facilitate privately owned shared wastewater associations was developed. The resulting plan enables the town to loan funds to associations of property owners and access funds from the State of Vermont and a grant from the EPA to fund the loans.

Construction on the first shared wastewater system involving the Winter Ppark Association members began in 2014 and will be finalized and running in 2015. Six other private systems will be constructed in 2015 as part of the program.

2015 Work Plan Priorities. The Planning Commission had prioritized its work plan for the year from the revised Town Plan’s Goals, Tasks, and Policies. They have considered technical and substantive revisions to the Zoning Bylaws for the last year, and plan to refer a revised draft to the Selectboard following a public hearing this year.

Meetings & Information. The Planning Commission holds regular meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Waitsfield Town Offices. The public is welcome at all meetings and time is available to voice comments, concerns, or suggestions. Please contact the Waitsfield Planning & Zoning Administrator for more information about meetings, records, or issues regarding the Planning Commission. Information on agendas, meeting minutes, and documents related to town planning can be found on the town's website at www.waitsfieldvt.us/planning, or at the Town Office at 9 Bridge Street.