

WAITSFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

2008 Annual Report

Planning Commission members: Steve Shea (Chair), Russ Bennett, Brian Fleischer, Hadley Gaylord, Jr., Robin Morris, Ted Tremper, Peter Lazorchak

Individuals who retired from the Commission during the year: Peter Laskowski, Karl Klein.

During 2008, the Planning Commission completed its final subdivision review with its approval of the three lot Kisiel subdivision on Bowen Road. Revised subdivision regulations were adopted by vote at Town Meeting 2008. The Development Review Board now handles subdivision applications as well as all other zoning permits requiring review.

The Planning Commission worked on revisions to the Zoning Bylaws, which included updated wording to reflect the adoption of the Development Review Board, numerous housekeeping amendments, revised sign regulations, and provision for Special Events in most zoning districts. The changes to the sign regulations were designed to support the business community by broadening the types of permitted signs to include temporary signs. These were among the zoning changes adopted by the Selectboard after a public hearing on January 26, 2009.

During 2009, the Planning Commission will be working on possible revisions to the Commercial Lodging and Limited Business district zoning, flood hazard regulations, potential residential hamlet zoning, and an update of the Town Plan. The Town Plan update is critical to give town residents the opportunity to shape the future of the town and help set the course of future development. The Planning Commission will be seeking widespread participation from townspeople in this effort and encourages citizens to offer their thoughts and ideas.

Meetings & Information

The Planning Commission holds regular meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7pm at the town office. The public is welcome at all meetings and time is available to voice comments, concerns, or suggestions. Please contact the Waitsfield 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 Web site at www.waitsfieldvt.us as well as at the town office on Bridge Street.