

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **2011 Annual Report**

Planning Commission Members: Steve Shea (Chair), Drew Simmons, Kari Dolan, Hadley Gaylord Jr., Brian Voigt, Todd White, and Ted Tremper.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Vickie Trihy worked tirelessly for the town from 2008-2011. This summer, she left to pursue other work and was replaced by Susan Senning as of August 1, 2011.

Town Plan Update. The Planning Commission spent most of the year working on an update of the 2005 Town Plan for adoption in 2012. The Commission took more time than originally planned in order to incorporate clear Community Standards for energy-related projects which are reviewed by the Public Service Board. The commission plans to present to the Selectboard an updated town plan for adoption in the spring of 2012. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing prior to the Selectboard's review of the plan.

Wastewater Committee. The Planning Commission established a wastewater committee to investigate the possible options with respect to decentralized wastewater systems in Waitsfield Village and Irasville. The committee applied for and received a municipal planning grant in order to hire professional assistance to conduct an updated survey of existing systems and needs as well as examine possible options to support replacement and new wastewater systems in the town center. A report of findings and recommendations was made in 2011. The resulting proposal will be presented to the public and discussed at Town Meeting.

Meetings & Information. The Planning Commission holds regular meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. 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 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 Web site at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/planning](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/planning) as well as at the town office on Bridge Street or our blog at [planwithus.blogspot.com](http://planwithus.blogspot.com).