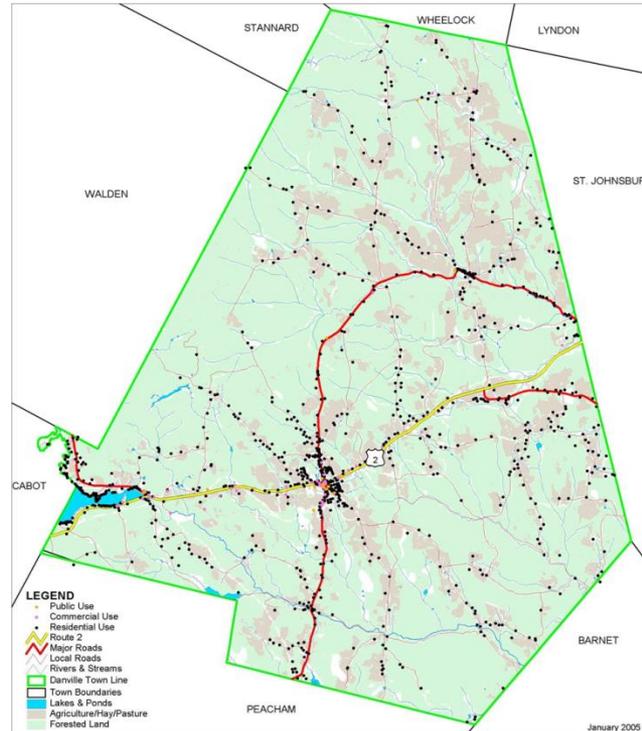


Danville Town Plan

Planning Commission Draft, May 2017



Public Hearing

July 13, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Danville Town Hall



Agenda

- Purpose and Process
- Town Plan Highlights
 - Introduction
 - Housing & Population
 - Jobs & Economic Development
 - Community Resources
 - Land Use & Development
 - Natural Heritage
 - Historic, Scenic and Cultural Resources
 - ❖ *Energy Conservation & Utility Siting*
 - Transportation
 - ❖ *Flood Resilience*
 - Compatibility with the Region
- Open Discussion
- Wrap-up

These two sections have the only major additions from the 2011 version of the plan.



Town Plan Review

- Purpose

- This hearing gives the Planning Commission the opportunity to present the new plan to the public, and the public the opportunity to give feedback on the plan to the Planning Commission.
- The output of this hearing is a list of comments - corrections, recommendations, or observations - that the Planning Commission will consider in making a final update before submitting the plan to the Selectboard.

- Process

- Town plans are valid for eight years, after which they expire.
- Towns follow this process to renew plans, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 4381-4387.
 - Planning Commission (PC) updates plan
 - PC shares plan with abutting towns, Regional Planning Commission, and state
 - ❖ **PC holds public hearing**
 - PC updates plan
 - PC delivers proposed plan to Selectboard (SB)
 - SB reviews and updates plan
 - SB holds public hearing
 - SB makes final updates and adopts plan



Feel free to ask questions or make comments at any time... but if we go past a section's highlights, please hold the comments on that section until the open discussion time at the end.

Town Plan Highlights

The following slides highlight each section of the Town Plan, with a summary of the content and the proposed changes from the 2011 version of the plan.

Note that there have been formatting changes, including adjustments and changes to pictures and text boxes, throughout the plan.



Introduction

- Summary
 - Historical Perspective
 - Visions of the Future
 - Importance of Planning
 - Public Involvement
- Changes
 - Minimal text updates



Housing & Population

- Summary
 - Overview
 - Selected Demographic Statistics
 - Age Distribution
 - Poverty Rate
 - Historic Population Trend
 - Goal
 - Support initiatives to provide safe, affordable housing and to simultaneously preserve the rural character of our community.
- Changes
 - Updated all available demographic data
 - Added definition (calculation) of affordable housing
 - Minor text updates



Jobs & Economic Development

- Summary
 - Overview
 - Selected Economic Characteristics
 - Goal
 - To promote a diverse economic climate that encourages job growth while having a low impact on the Town's infrastructure and rural character.
- Changes
 - Updated all available economic data
 - Highlighted opportunities from the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail
 - Minor text updates



Community Resources

- Subsections and Goals

- Facilities and Services
 - To provide, maintain and improve adequate public safety, services and facilities for the community.
- Emergency Services
 - Provide the best possible service in safety, fire, and rescue.
- Education
 - To provide high quality, broad-based educational services for the people of the community through the public school system and promotion of other public and private educational programs.
- Health, Recreation, and Wellness
 - To plan for and build a community with health and wellness at its core maintaining and increasing access to outdoor recreational opportunities and healthy local foods.

- Solid Waste

- To minimize the impact of solid waste on the citizens and businesses of Danville and to conserve the natural resources of the planet.

- Sewage Disposal

- To provide and maintain a sanitary solution to sewage disposal, not only in the village area but in all areas of the town.

- Water Systems

- To provide sufficient and reliable high quality water supply for drinking and sufficient water for fighting fires.

- Map: Utilities and Facilities

- Changes

- Updated inventories, statistics, and other information throughout
- Minor text updates



Land Use & Development

- Summary
 - Overview
 - Total Housing Units
 - Shoreland Zoning
 - Natural Resources
 - Property Tax and Grand List
 - Goal
 - To maintain and enhance the town's rural and agricultural character, beautiful environment, and strong sense of community while providing appropriate locations for residential, commercial and light industrial development.
 - Map: Land Use
- Changes
 - Updated statistics with available data
 - Minor text updates



Natural Heritage

- Summary
 - Overview
 - Goal
 - Protect and manage the town's natural heritage and biodiversity for the benefit of current and future generations.
- Changes
 - Minor text updates
 - Added shoreland and stormwater paragraphs



Historic, Scenic and Cultural Resources

- Summary
 - Overview
 - National Register of Historic Places
 - Designated Historic Sites
 - Designated Century Farms
 - Some Designated Areas of Special Scenic Interest
 - Goal
 - To preserve Danville's rural character, scenic resources, cultural heritage, historic structures and settlement patterns.
- Changes
 - Updated (and expanded) lists of assets
 - Minor text updates



Energy Conservation & Utility Siting

- Summary

- Overview
- Utility Siting
 - Community Standards
 - Average Person
 - Mitigation Methods
 - Decommissioning and Restoration
- Goal
 - To encourage energy conservation and maximize community independence from nonrenewable energy resources while protecting the aesthetics of the historic villages and rural landscapes of Danville.

- Changes

- Added Utility Siting text
 - Intended to support development of energy sources while remaining consistent with small-scale and rural vision for town
 - Not targeted at any known projects
 - Intended to allow town to gain substantial deference from Public Service Board in any future dispute
- Minor text updates



Transportation

- Summary
 - Overview
 - Selected Transportation Characteristics
 - Goal
 - Maintain and improve on the Towns road network systems and resources that meet the need for local and through movement of people and goods.
 - Map: Transportation System
- Changes
 - Updated transportation statistics with available data
 - Removed text about completed Route 2 project
 - Added observation on opening of Lamoille Valley Rail Trail
 - Minor text updates



Flood Resilience

- Summary
 - Overview
 - Mapped Flood Hazard Areas
 - Inundation Areas and River Corridors
 - Existing Regulation, Programs, and Plans
 - Transportation Infrastructure
 - Vegetated Buffer Areas and Coverage Limitations
 - Upland and wetland areas
 - ERAF
 - Goal
 - Mitigate flood hazards and maintain good water quality by undertaking restoration projects, reducing stormwater runoff from new development, and assuring long-term protection of the River Corridor from incompatible development and uses.
- Changes
 - Completely new section based on proposed amendment (never executed)
 - Proposes:
 - Creation of a capital improvement plan to address Passumpsic tributary projects
 - Amending Flood Hazard regulations to meet state recommended standards
 - Adopting State Road and Bridge Standards
 - Requesting a change to Regular Phase of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)



Compatibility with the Region

- Summary
 - Outlines how each section of town plan relates to and supports regional plans
- Changes
 - Added new paragraph for new Flood Resilience section



Open Discussion



Wrap-Up

Next Steps

- Planning Commission updates plan
- Planning Commission delivers proposed plan to Selectboard
- Selectboard reviews and updates proposed plan
- Selectboard holds public hearing
- Selectboard makes final updates and adopts plan