

Town of Danville Planning Commission
Thursday, January 26, 2017
Danville Town Hall 7:30pm

In Attendance: Jeff Paquet, Vince Foy, Jill Kelleher, Glenn Herrin, Kate Whitehead

Jeff opened the meeting at 7:30pm

Kingdom South Trail Project

KST Project is a satellite trail system being developed in St. Johnsbury and Danville under the umbrella of Kingdom Trails in East Burke. Trail development has primarily been happening on Library Road in Danville. Jeff will plan to reach out to key organizers and invite them to an upcoming PC meeting and have them present on the project. Meeting will be promoted to the public.

Town Plan

The Final Draft of the Town Plan has been submitted to the Selectboard.

Better Connections Grant

The group revisited the Better Connections Grant guidelines. Better Connections is a planning grant that aims to “increase transportation options, build resilience, and strengthen economic vitality in Vermont communities”. Municipalities can apply for up to \$67,500 to develop an implementation plan for bike/ped improvements (i.e. Activity Center Plans, Multi-modal linkage Plan). For more info: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/projects-programs/better-connections>. Eligibility requirements include regional approval and confirmation. The group discussed potential projects to pursue; links from the Rail Trail, crossing improvements in West Danville, bike/ped improvements and connections to the school. One proposed idea was the development of a detailed Town-wide plan that outlines short-term and long-term bike/ped improvements. This plan would be geared for use by the Road Commissioner, School and other entities and be referred to for road construction/sidewalk/trail planning.

A working meeting has been scheduled for February 6 at 7Pm at the community building. We will review grant scope and workplan templates and start to put together a list of questions and tech assistance needed by NVDA. Kate to reach out to Alison and Richard Amore of the Better Connections program to invite them to an upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Town Office.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by Kate Whitehead