

UNDERHILL PLANNING COMMISSION  
January 21, 2015 6:30 PM  
Minutes

**PC Members Present:** Cliff Peterson, Gerry Adams, Dave Edson, Cynthia Seybolt, Carolyn Gregson, Irene Linde, Pat Lamphere

**Staff Present:** Sarah McShane

**Guests Present:** Susan Thomas

6:35 PM: Call to order by Vice-Chair Cliff Peterson. C.Peterson requested that the Commission amend the agenda to review the minutes, Energy Chapter, Historic Resources Chapter, and introduction prior to reviewing the Natural Resources Chapter. Members agreed.

6:35 PM: Public Comment – None

6:35 PM: Members discussed the proposed Historic Resources Chapter of the Town Plan. Guest Susan Thomas was present to provide comments and recommendations. The previous Town Plans have not discussed historic or cultural resources. C.Peterson suggested inserting a sentence about the Underhill Historical Society as a local non-profit resource. Members agreed that it should be a stand-alone chapter. S.McShane will send to RPC for comments.

6:50 PM: Minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by C. Seybolt, seconded by D.Edson. The motion passed.

6:53 PM: Members reviewed the proposed Introduction to the Town Plan. C.Seybolt recommended simplifying the language in the second paragraph. Members agreed to her recommendations. C.Seybolt will send the edits to S.McShane.

6:55 PM: Members reviewed the revised Energy Chapter. C.Seybolt suggested revising the format of the strategies to list the responsible party in the implementation chapter, similar to the other chapters. S.McShane will make the formatting changes. Members agreed that the chapter was ready to be incorporated into the plan.

7:00 PM: Planning Commission members continued discussing the updated Natural Resources Chapter of the Town Plan. Members discussed the ways maps are used for informational and regulatory use. P.Lamphere suggested that the regulations should address ways for errors to easily be corrected. D.Edson made a motion, seconded by P.Lamphere, to include a sentence on page 1 line 23 regarding the use of maps for informational purposes only. C.Peterson asked for discussion. D.Edson amended his motion, seconded by I.Linde, to include the following statement on page 1 line 23 "However, since maps may contain errors,

the ultimate authority must always be the actual evidence gathered in the field.”  
The motion passed (4-2-1). S.McShane will incorporate the language.

C.Peterson made a motion, seconded by P.Lamphere to move forward reviewing the Natural Resources Chapter without additional review of already edited sections. The motion passed.

Members reviewed the individual natural resource goals and strategies. Members agreed on edited language. C.Peterson made a motion, seconded by C.Seybolt, to include the following language as the goal for wildlife habitat “To protect important natural areas; rare, threatened and endangered species, critical wildlife habitat, and overall – biodiversity.” The motion passed (4-1-2).

Members will review the Geologic Resources section at the next meeting. S. McShane will make the agreed upon changes and incorporate them into the document.

8:40 PM: P.Lamphere made a motion, seconded by C. Gregson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sarah McShane

These minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting were accepted

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015



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Cliff Peterson, Vice-Chair

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