

**UNDERHILL PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN PLAN ADOPTION**

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, Sections 4384(d) & 4441, the residents of the Town of Underhill and all interested persons are hereby notified that the Underhill Planning Commission will hold public hearings at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at Underhill Town Hall, 12 Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill, Vermont; 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 4, 2020, at Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Road, Jericho, VT; and 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at Underhill Town Hall Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill, Vermont, to receive input a newly proposed Underhill Town Plan to be subsequently adopted, thereby replacing the existing 2015 Town Plan.

Statement of Purpose:

The primary purpose of the proposed adoption is ensure that the Town has an approved and adopted plan prior to the current plan expiring on June 23, 2020. Over the course of the past year, the Underhill Planning Commission has worked towards updating the Town Plan that incorporated the public feedback that was obtained from the 2019 Town-wide survey, as well as four public feedback forums.

Synopsis of Revisions:

The Underhill Planning Commission is proposing edits to the entire plan Town Plan that incorporates the public feedback from the 2019 Town-wide survey, as well as the four public feedback forums. As part of this update, the Planning Commission carried over, as well as created new, goals, policies and strategies for each chapter (ten total) that reflect the public feedback that was received. In addition, the Planning Commission worked to provide more context relating to Underhill-specific issues within each chapter. While significant changes were made to the context of the Land Use chapter, which includes specifically outlining the unique issues observed by Staff, the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board, no immediate action is recommended that would alter any designations of land. Additionally, the Planning Commission, in coordination with the Energy Committee and Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) reworked the Energy Chapter in an effort towards attaining an “enhanced energy plan” status, which is expected to be approved by CCRPC as part of this process. With an enhanced energy plan, the Town’s position during a Public Utility Commission hearing is given more weight so long as the Town’s position is supported by the Town Plan. Other areas where the Plan was significantly updated pertains to the Housing, Recreation, and Historic and Cultural Resources chapters.

Geographic Area Affected:

These amendments affect all geographic areas of Underhill.

Place to View Proposed Amendments:

The complete text of the proposed amendments may be found at www.underhillvt.gov. A link to the amended document can be found on the homepage; or upon viewing the website, click “Board, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces” on the left, then clicking “Planning Commission.” Then, click “Proposed 2020 Town Plan.” Alternatively, a full-text copy may be examined at the Town Offices located at Underhill Town Hall, 12 Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill, Vermont.

When viewing the proposed revisions, please be advised that the 2020 Town Plan has been completely rewritten, and therefore, a “redlined” version is not available..

Person to Contact for More Information:

Additional information may be obtained from the Planning Director & Zoning Administrator (see contact information below) or by visiting Underhill Town Hall. The hearings are open to the public. You are encouraged to attend hearings; however, if you cannot attend, comments may be made in writing prior to the hearings and mailed to: Andrew Strniste, Planning Director & Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 120 Underhill, VT 05489 or to astrniste@underhillvt.gov.