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**DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF SWANTON
SWANTON PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Town Office Building
1 Academy Street, Swanton, VT 05488
*Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.***

Present: Ed Daniel, Chair; Ross Lavoie, Vice Chair; Andy LaRocque, Oliver Manning, Heather Buczkowski, Members; Amy Giroux, Zoning Administrator; Christina Candels, Administrative Assistant; Corey Parent, Forty-Four Seven Strategies, LLC, Mel Auffredou-Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District, Kate Wettergreen- Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District,

*All motions carried unanimously unless specified otherwise.

1. Call to Order:
Mr. Daniels called meeting to order 6:34 pm.
2. Agenda Review:
Mr. Daniels requested to add to meeting review of Highgate Vermont Town Plan, Presentation by representatives from Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District.
3. Review of Highgate Vermont Town Plan.
Ms. Buczkowski made motion to accept copy of Highgate Vermont Town Plan, has been reviewed by Swanton Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Manning. Motion passed.
4. Review minutes of April 19, 2023.
Mr. Lavoie made motion to approve as amended draft minutes from the 4/19/23 Planning Commission meeting, seconded by Ms. Buczkowski. Motion carried.
5. Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District.
Ms. Wettergreen gave a brief presentation explaining what they do for work with different towns, landowners, schools, agriculture partners. Ms. Wettergreen told the board about their tree & trout sale being held at Franklin County Field Days location June 5&6, 2023. Mr. Daniels recommended sharing this sale with Swanton Tree Warden & Swanton Beautification.
6. Municipal Plan Review.
Mr. Parent went thru draft of Swanton Municipal Plan. The Planning Committee has been working on the New Swanton Municipal Plan since August 2022.

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Mr. Parent added since last meeting the Northwest Regional Planning Commissions conducted Northwest Region Housing Assessment 2022 study states Grand Isle & Franklin County have need for 7600 households in the area in next 20 years.

The board recommended editing to add Swanton Village purchase of 124 First street from RL Vallee Inc, Swanton Village plans to use this land as the future home of Swanton Village Police & Fire Dept.

Mr. Parent noted adding the Village plans to seek finding for additional electrical charging infrastructure to include commercial, residential & municipal properties.

Mr. Parent noted adding the need for investments in recreational assets.

Mr. Manning made a motion to accept the resolution of Swanton Municipal Plan, seconded by Mr. LaRocque. Motion carried.

7. Set the next Planning Commission meeting date.
June 14, 2023 6:30pm Public Meeting -Adopt Swanton Municipal Plan at the Swanton Town Office.
8. Public Comment- No public comment.
9. Any Other Necessary Business- None
10. Adjournment
Ms. Buczkowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, seconded by Mr. LaRocque. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Candels
Administrative Assistant