

TOWN OF GRANVILLE, VERMONT - PLANNING COMMISSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 - 6:00 PM

GRANVILLE TOWN OFFICE

Attendance: Commission members Will Brokof, Mike Reiderer, Ally Healy Guest, Kyle Katz, TRORC

Call to order 6:18 pm by Will

1. Kickoff to the Granville Town Plan Update

Overview - Kyle

Forward looking, visioning exercise. Has to be updated every 8 years. Allows us to apply for grants and update regulations.

Forward to RPC for regional approval to ensure it meets all regulations. Then to selectboard.

Plays some regulatory role in Act 250 process and section 248 (sighting for telecommunication & solar projects)

Town plan language should be more general to allow flexibility in making ordinance changes. Language is not policy based – town supports additional housing in certain areas, not designating minimum lot sizes or other zoning regulations. Could include things like equipment or facility improvements that the town may need – sets framework without setting limitations.

Focus areas

Will review all chapters and sections in current plan to make changes and updates rather than start from ground zero.

Update data – mostly through census bureau to remain current. Economic conditions, transportation, etc. will have to be updated with regional support.

Housing chapter will need updating as changes have come up since last plan.

New plan language needed to address equitable distribution of environmental benefits and burdens. TRORC is working to support the best way to include this in the plan for the regional plan as well as local town plans.

Outcomes/TRORC support

Draft plan through the planning commission hearing to selectboard

Ensure draft plan conforms with regional and state plans

Support public outreach and participation

Tentative Timeline

Plan for monthly meetings to go through existing plans chapter by chapter to make updates and changes.

Plan for two public hearings – initial in beginning of process and second closer to the end presenting draft plan.

Presentation to selectboard

2. Discussion of collaboration with White River Natural Resources Conservation District

Will reported on communication with group. Looks like grant funds may be available under the tiny grant program to help with invasive species mitigation, especially where erosion is a factor.

Resources to pursue to contact people about various strategies and resources to address mitigation of knotweed and other invasives.

3. New Business

Consideration of several initiatives and ideas that may be included in the town plan.

Dark skies initiative information – potential for Granville to promote information about dark skies.

Concerns about future development, housing, and short-term rentals in the town.

4. Other business as needed

None. Adjourn at 7:20 by unanimous consent.