

DRAFT MINUTES
MAIDSTONE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, July 10, 2025, 7:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting, both in person at Town Hall and by Zoom Video

Members present in person: Bruce Barker, ex-officio members Bruno McKenzie and Brad McVetty

Members present via Zoom: Bob Champagne-Willis, Paul Kamins, ex-officio member Scott Lovell

Also present via Zoom: Kyle Dwyer and Alison Low of Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA), Amy Pear, Nick Kittredge, Edward Fournier

Bruce Barker called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2025 meeting at amended. Paul seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor.

DISCUSSION WITH ALISON LOW:

Alison shared a draft of the stand-alone bylaws for river corridors and NFIP. Because she provided these just before the meeting, she would like to return to a future meeting to discuss them more fully with the commission.

(Alison left the meeting at 7:08 pm)

NVDA UPDATE:

Kyle shared his screen. He updated the Implementation section. He also updated the Energy section to include objectives and goals that members of the commission provided. Paul says that he received a call from a selectman who thought the EEP was crazy and absurd. Paul put information into ChatGPT to organize his thoughts and answer questions. He talked about the deal that the state makes, that if you adopt the EEP, you will have substantial deference when it comes siting of larger energy generation projects. Paul reviewed his opposition to projects in New Hampshire. He favors adopting the EEP because of the benefits of substantial deference, using the Twin Energy Clean Energy Link as an example.

Kyle said that NVDA's regional plan has limits on sites for solar and turbines. Bob would like to see some language included in our Town Plan. Kyle said these could be included in the goals section. Kyle will share the Danville EEP.

Kyle will make sure that the draft version is available to the ex-officio members as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Kyle will provide the draft version of the Town Plan again, including the Enhanced Energy Section with an update like Danville's EEP. We are to review this section in detail so that we can finalize it in the next few weeks.

(Kyle left the meeting at 8:22 pm)

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S JOB OPENING:

Two people applied to the online job posting. After providing information about their job experience and answering questions, both applicants decided that this position was not a good fit for them and withdrew their names. One applicant, Nick Kittredge, did offer to help in any way that he could.

NEXT MEETING:

We agreed to meet on Thursday, August 7 at 6 pm.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Paul seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Champagne-Willis