

Those present in the Conference room of the Town Clerk's office for the 7 p.m. public hearing were Board Members; William Biddle, Bruce Denio, Gary Briggs, Benjamin Adams, Mark Bowen and Dakota Butterfield and Secretary, Shirley Warden.

Jonathan Carpenter came before the hearing and asked some questions concerning the effect the change would have on the fire districts, but he left before the hearing was called to order.

Chairman, Biddle called the hearing to order at 7:10 p.m. and noted the reason for the hearing, which had been warned as required by statute and as posted and appeared in the February 16&17, 2019 issue of THE CALEDONIAN RECORD AS FOLLOWS:

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TOWN OF BARNET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of BARNET, VT that the Barnet Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Barnet Town Clerk's Office (1743 US Route 5 South) on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

This hearing will be held for public review of and comment on the proposed amendment to Barnet Town Plan pursuant to Title 24 VSA, Chapter 117.

The purpose of the Barnet Town Plan is to establish a coordinated, comprehensive planning process to guide decisions made by the Town. The proposed amendment consists of the following recommended action to be inserted on page 36 of the current plan, adopted August 10, 2015:

"Pursue Village Center designation for qualifying village cores, including MacIndoe Falls, Barnet Village, West Barnet, and Passumpsic. This designation, while not regulatory, would make tax credits available for fit-up of income-producing properties, and enhance eligibility for grants to improve infrastructure and civic and governmental buildings."

No other changes are proposed to the plan, which can be viewed in its entirety on the Town of Barnet's web site: <https://barnetvt.org/>

The proposed amendment will not alter any land use designations and is deemed by the Planning Commission to be compatible with the following goal of the adopted plan:

"To encourage the location of appropriate businesses and services within villages which are conducive to village life and within walking distance of the residents."

Copies of the proposed plan amendment are available at the Town Clerk's office. Normal weekday hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. A copy of the plan amendment is also available online on Barnet's web site.

Written comment on the plan amendment should be directed to Shirley Warden, Secretary of the Barnet Planning Commission, 521 Warden Road, Barnet, VT 05821.

Dated in Barnet, Vermont, February 6, 2019.

TOWN OF BARNET PLANNING COMMISSION

As no one was present to make comments on the proposed amendment the Planning Commission took the following action: Adams moved and Bowen seconded to adopt the proposed addition to the Barnet Town Plan on page 36 under sub-section "Village Issues: Goals" move #3 to #4 & #4 to #5 then insert a new #3 as follows:

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All voted to amend the Barnet Town Plan and submit the change to the Barnet Selectboard for their consideration.

The hearing adjourned at 7:47 p.m..

Shirley Warden
Shirley Warden, Secretary
Barnet Planning/Zoning Board

approved as presented
May 14, 2019