



# GEORGIA VERMONT

## Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

### Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmpiVmE1MXZSaWZWLzVadz09>

Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

#### PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT

Chair Suzanna Brown  
Charles Cross  
Tony Heinlein

#### PLANNING COMMISSION ABSENT

Heather Dunsmore  
Vice Chair, Jared Waite

#### STAFF PRESENT

Doug Bergstrom, Zoning Administrator  
Kollene Caspers, Zoning Clerk

#### GUESTS PRESENT

Michael Allen, ReGrowth

### 2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

### 3. DISCUSSION

#### A. Town Plan Draft Update

##### M. Allen introduces Town Plan Draft, Part III-

- S. Brown discusses natural resources versus sensitive areas.
- Protection of Historic & Cultural Resources (pg 54) Naming of Roads, important to include historic area references. D. Bergstrom explained roads are regulated by E911 and it is sometimes harder to dictate the names of private roads.

- Roadway Maintenance & Safety (pg 55) query Public Works for their option on what work is most important in the coming years, especially in terms of roadway maintenance.
- Police & Law Enforcement (pg 55) On Town Meeting Day the budget vote for increased police coverage didn't pass. Discussion whether this should be included in the Town Plan.
- Cellular & Internet Coverage (pg 56) While welcomed, the goal to increase availability of cellular and internet coverage is outside of the Town's control.
- Municipal Government & Communication (pg 57) Improving municipal communication deemed necessary, though a problem with inconsistency of three separate zip codes in the community.
- Healthy Tax Base (pg 58) M. Allen will rename to be more descriptive.
- Goals (pg 59) should they include agriculture as a topic, as it isn't really addressed in the old town plan or in the current draft?
- M. Allen- would it be useful to provide a "vision" of what the South Village could be, including multi-use buildings and a walkable town center, etc. Using the "vision" as a template to incorporate into the town plan.
- Energy, Sustainability & Resilience (pg 63). D. Bergstrom will look into MERP and the Town of Georgia.
- Recreation & Quality of Life (pgs 65-66) Goal #4, will need to reword the goal to include the junk ordinance while also respecting homeowner property.
- Goals and Policies Legend (pgs 68-88) Existing policies listed in black, new suggestions in green.
- M. Allen will continue working on the Draft to finish up sections 1 and 2, asking the PC to send any additional notes for correction and updates to all reviewed sections of the Draft.
- M. Allen will meet with the PC next at the July 9th meeting.
- The PC went through the timeline, including finalizing the Draft, providing an "early reveal" to the public, before holding meetings with the public and the Town of Georgia Selectboard.
- D. Bergstrom will communicate the information on the steps toward the Town Plan adoption process. Hearings, Selectboard approval, etc etc.
- The PC would like to get the Town Plan finalized ASAP so once this process is complete the PC can move on to updating the Development Regulations.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Planning Meeting Minutes May 28, 2024  
 Motion to approve minutes with no changes.  
 Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Heinlein.  
 Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Cross, Heinlein

#### **5. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA June 25, 2024**

Planning Meeting June 25, 2024

- Continue the review of the Draft Town Plan.
- Definitions.
- M. Allen will join the July 9, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. DELIBERATIONS**

**8. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 9:25pm

Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Heinlein.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Cross, Heinlein

**Posted to the Town website.**

**Signed: Kollene Caspers, Zoning Clerk, Planning Clerk**

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APPROVED