

2017 Regional Plan Updates

Second Public Hearing – July 11, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Royalton, VT

Royalton Town Offices, Royalton, VT July 11, 2019

Present: Kevin Geiger, Peter Gregory, Pete Fellows and Tory Littlefield, TRORC Staff; Bruce Riddle, Town of Hartford; John Echeverria, Town of Strafford; Tom McHenry, Vermont Law School; Rod Francis, Town of Norwich; Nick Clark and Stuart Rogers, Town of Thetford; and Stuart Levasser, Town of Royalton.

The public hearing was called to order at 6 p.m.

TRORC staff introduced the purpose of the meeting and provided a background of the drafting process of this iteration of the Regional Plan. Staff explained comments would be collected at the hearing.

TRORC staff turned the meeting over to the attendees, asking them for their comments.

The following comments were submitted:

- Link the TRORC *Designating Future Land Uses* policy in the Regional Plan for more clarity on how this process works.
- Bruce Riddle submitted two memos on behalf of the Town of Hartford with suggestions to the Land Use Chapter.
- A recommendation to be added to the Energy Chapter to help towns develop a shared energy coordinator.
- Rod Francis submitted a memo on behalf of the Town of Norwich with suggested changes.
- There was discussion surround primary and secondary retail definitions and the need to better define these terms. What is the percentage of secondary retail that is allowable in mixed-use areas? What is the range of possible, approvable, developments in these areas? What are the implications of different scales of developments?
- Look at Healthy Communities and Energy Chapter in regard to dying big box stores and how that will affect residents.
- Define the scale of housing units, is it approvable to build up rather than sideways?
- Add a recommendation in the Transportation Chapter on handing over the jurisdiction of Route 132 to the State.

After all comments from the attendees were recorded, TRORC Staff asked if there were any lingering comments or questions; there were none.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.