

TOWN OF WALTHAM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE PROPOSED TOWN PLAN

The Waltham Planning Commission will hold a hybrid in-person and virtual (via Zoom) Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024, at the Waltham Town Hall (2053 Maple Street) to take public testimony on the proposed Town Plan for the Town of Waltham.

The Planning Commission will discuss and vote on any proposed changes directly after the public hearing.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of a town plan is to provide a vision for orderly development within the town. It is a point in time that uses current data and existing conditions to guide zoning and development decisions for the eight-year period covered by the next Town Plan.

The proposed Town Plan is a revision of the plan adopted in 2016 and subsequently modified in 2022 to add the Enhanced Energy Plan.

The proposed Town Plan affects all the land with the Town of Waltham. It updates sections that use U.S. Census data to current data and includes updated natural resource mapping. The proposed Town Plan has been reorganized to include the results of a resident survey, a vision statement, goals and objectives within each section, and an implementation section.

The Planning Commission believes the following are the significant changes included in the proposed Town Plan:

- The following sections have had data updated: Population, Housing, Making a Living, Schools and Childcare, and Public Facilities.
- The Public Facilities Section reflects progress on renovation of Town Hall and introduction of broadband telecommunications capacity via Maple Broadband.
- The Enhanced Energy Plan is summarized in the Energy Section and is incorporated in the proposed Plan as an appendix.
- The most current data from the Agency of Natural Resources delineating forest blocks, connectivity blocks and priority wetlands is included. As a result, the Natural Resources, Land Use and Flood Resiliency sections of the proposed Plan have been expanded to incorporate this information and to meet the new requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4382.

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While the Town Plan sets forth the community vision, goals and objectives, the means to achieve those ends are set forth in the town zoning and subdivision regulations. Subsequent to adoption of a new Town Plan, the Planning Commission will consider amendments to the zoning ordinance consistent with that plan and as may be required by changes in state law.

Copies of the proposed Town Plan are available for review or may be obtained at the Town Hall (2053 Maple Street), during regular business hours of 9 am to 3 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, or at <https://www.walthamvt.org/resources/developmentreviewboard-planningcommission-zoing> (scroll to Waltham 2024 Town Plan). For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office at waltham.vt@gmail.com and at 1(802) 877- 3641.

Written testimony will be accepted by the Planning Commission if received by 9/19/24 at walthamvtofficers@gmail.com, sent to the attention of the Planning Commission at P.O. Box 175 Vergennes, VT 05491 for delivery on or before 9/19/24, or delivered to the Town Hall before 3:00 p.m. on 9/19/24.

Zoom Meeting Information:

Link to join Zoom Meeting by computer video:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87061039363?pwd=SCNjwL7E4nHuJI4SYRnQuNY59K2C9C.1>

Meeting ID: 870 6103 9363

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