

# TOWN OF MONKTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TOWN PLAN

The Monkton Selectboard will hold a hybrid in-person and Zoom Public Hearing at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at the Monkton Town Hall (92 Monkton Ridge) to take public testimony on the proposed Town Plan for the Town of Monkton.

The Selectboard will discuss and vote on any proposed changes directly after this Public Hearing.

## Statement of Purpose

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

Our new town plan is a partial revision of the plan adopted in 2020.

The proposed Town Plan affects all the land within the Town of Monkton. It updates sections that use US Census data to current 2020 data and adds information from the natural resources inventory conducted for the town in 2022-2023.

The Selectboard believes the following are the significant changes offered by the plan:

The following sections have had data updated: Population, Housing, Education and Childcare, and Economic Development.

The Utilities and Facilities section had information updated to be current on the New Town Hall, Library, and the Recreation & Cultural Resources sections. The Natural Resource sections on Forests and Water Resources have had information added from the natural resources inventory, including new maps. The Forests section has a new sub-section on Forest Integrity that identifies core forest blocks and habitat connectors, which allows the town to meet Act 171 State Law requirements. Water Resources section had buffers better defined.

The Plan Implementation section was reorganized and updated.

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While the Town Plan sets forth the community goals and objectives, the policies and other means of achieving those ends are set forth in the town zoning and subdivision regulations. A town plan should not be a prescriptive document. This version of the Monkton Town Plan mostly adheres to this principle.

Copies of the Town Plan are available for review or obtained at the Town Offices, 92 Monkton Ridge during normal business hours. They may also be viewed on the town website at: <http://monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/selectboard/>

Written testimony will be accepted by the Selectboard if received by Thursday, December 19, 2024 at [selectboard@monktonvt.com](mailto:selectboard@monktonvt.com), or the Selectboard's mailbox at the Town Hall (before close of business on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 1 pm).

## Zoom Meeting Information:

Link to join a Zoom meeting by computer video: <https://zoom.us/join>

Monkton's Zoom meeting ID: 802-453-3800

Monkton's Zoom Password: 1762

Telephone Number to attend meeting by phone: 646-558-8656

For more information please contact: Stephan Pilcher (802) 598-1931 at [spilcher@monktonvt.com](mailto:spilcher@monktonvt.com), or Sharon Gomez, Town Clerk, at (802) 453-3800.

Please note: There will be an informational session from 6:00 to 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at the Town Hall prior to the public hearing.

Stephen Pilcher, Chair

Monkton Selectboard