

**Wolcott Planning Commission
Minutes
September 11, 2023**

Wolcott Town Office, 28 Railroad St., Zoom/phone-in: 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Jim Robert, Bruce Wheeler, Maxfield English, Michael Paradee, Deb Klein
Absent: Ryan Ewell
Public: Meghan Rodier, Alec Jones, Victoria Hellwig – Lamoille Co Planning Commission (LCPC)

Robert called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Approve Minutes of August 14, 2023: Minutes are amended by substituting Victoria Hellwig's name for that of Meghan Rodier as being present. Motion by Wheeler to approve the August 14 Minutes as amended. Seconded by Paradee. Voting: All 5 in favor.

Discussion regarding TA Grant Survey: A paper version of the Health Equity survey was available for folks to complete at the September 8 Town BBQ. Meghan Rodier, Regional Planner, suggested that a link to the online version of the survey be made available on Front Porch Forum. A blurb will be provided, and Klein will post on FPF. The survey will close October 6, 2023.

Next steps were discussed which could include a walking audit, or perhaps a training at the October 2 meeting. English had taken part in a 2017 Healthy Lamoille walking audit of School Street and part of VT Rte 15. Rodier will look for a copy of that report. Motion by Wheeler for Rodier to request training from the TA group on how to conduct a walking audit. Seconded by English. Voting: All 5 in favor.

Discussion regarding Childcare Municipal Planning Grant (MPG): Alec Jones, GIS Planner, gave a presentation. Lamoille Family Center had developed a childcare supply and demand assessment. Using that, Stone Environmental drafted a Lamoille County Childcare Water and Wastewater Engineering Study addressing needs in Cambridge, Wolcott, Johnson, and Stowe. Members were asked to review the study and submit comments. The report should be finalized and sent out by the end of September.

Discussed were the challenges in meeting the demand for childcare. Creating capacity for childcare can be limited by water and wastewater requirements. Hellwig emphasized how expanding water and wastewater in Town is important to support childcare.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: Motion by Wheeler to adjourn. Seconded by Paradee. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein