

JOHNSON PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting: 11 AUG 2022, 7:00 PM EDT

In person

ATTENDANCE (P=Present; A=Absent)

Charles Gallanter (P), David Butler (P), Greg Tatro (P), Kim Cotnoir (P), Kyley Hill (P), Rob Rodriguez (A), Shayne Spence (P), Paul Warden (P)

MINUTES

Call to Order 7 :03PM

Agenda Changes & Public Comment - None

Approval of 14 JULY 2022 minutes – MOTION: Shayne moved for approval as written, Charlie seconded. Motion passed. Kylie and David abstained having been absent.

Review of Town Survey as drafted from previous meeting discussion – Corrected minor errors in draft, added trailer parks and homeless shelter to New Housing development section, debated and left Affordable Housing as separate section also, clarified traffic control question to include more options, removed Open Lands question as too vague, added NVU interaction question, and added Public Safety section.

MOTION – David moved the JPC approve the survey as amended in this meeting. Shayne seconded. Brief discussion. Motion approved – unanimously. Copy of Survey attached.

DISCUSSION –

Distribution - General agreement that the survey should be distributed in print form and electronically if possible. Print means may include mailing to residents, making surveys available at the Town Hall, Sterling Market and other (willing) businesses, Tuesday Night Live, etc. Electronic availability may include a link in Front Porch Forum, link on the Town website, other?

Advertising – Advertisement of the survey / requests for participation may include posters, announcements in FPF, at TNL, at Selectboard and Trustee meetings, ads/articles in the News and Citizen, etc.

No specific motions or decisions were made on the above pending additional information.

TASKS –

- (1) Charles will investigate availability of mailing list from the Town office, cost of bulk mailing (specific and “current resident”), and costs of printing.
- (2) Shayne will investigate the use of Survey Monkey or similar means of making the survey available electronically.

MOTION to adjourn – Kylie moved, Kim seconded; passed unanimously. Adjourned 8:20PM.

Town and Village of Johnson Municipal Development Survey

The Johnson Planning Commission is beginning work on updating the UNIFIED TOWN AND VILLAGE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (done every 8 years as per state guidelines). Our goal is to make the PLAN a more actionable document that reflects the goals and aspirations of our citizens, so we are requesting your input to help to guide our planning for the future.

Please complete this survey and drop off at the Municipal Building (Mon-Fri 7:30-4) or mail it to Johnson Town Clerk, P.O. Box 383, Johnson, VT 05656. *THANK YOU.*

Please complete the following statements of DEVELOPMENT in Johnson:

| The rate of | Too Rapid | Just Right | Too SLOW |
|---|-----------|------------|----------|
| ... RESIDENTIAL development in Johnson is | | | |
| ... COMMERCIAL development in Johnson is | | | |
| ... INDUSTRIAL development in Johnson is | | | |

Please rate your favorability toward the following NEW HOUSING development types in Johnson:

| <i>Please check the box that matches your opinion</i> | Strongly Favor | Favor | No Opinion | Against | Strongly Against |
|---|----------------|-------|------------|---------|------------------|
| Single Family Housing | | | | | |
| Multi-Family Housing | | | | | |
| Apartment buildings | | | | | |
| Senior Housing | | | | | |
| Affordable Housing* | | | | | |
| Trailer Parks | | | | | |
| Mixed Commercial and Residential | | | | | |
| Lamoille County Homeless Shelter** | | | | | |

**Affordable housing is defined as costing no more than 1/3 of a family's adjusted gross income*

***Currently in Hyde Park but looking to expand*

Where WOULD you like to see future development in Johnson?

Where would you NOT like to see future development in Johnson?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Do you believe there should be more AFFORDABLE HOUSING in Johnson?

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| Yes | No |
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If yes, what steps should the Town/Village take to promote the development of affordable housing?

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JOHNSON ROADS

| | Yes | No | Unsure |
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| Do you use the roads for walking, biking, etc.? | | | |
| If yes, do you feel safe on the roads? | | | |

Please specify why and where you feel safe or unsafe

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Please specify areas where you think traffic safety has become an issue.

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Should Johnson consider a traffic light or blinking light or some other traffic control feature on Main Street at Railroad Street or Pearl Street?

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| Yes | No |
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JOHNSON SIDEWALKS

| | Yes | No | Unsure |
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| Do you use the sidewalks in the Village regularly? | | | |
| If yes, do you feel safe on the sidewalks? | | | |

Please specify why and where you feel safe or unsafe

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Does Johnson need additional sidewalks? If so, where?

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JOHNSON LIGHTING

| | Too Little | Just Right | Too Much |
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| The lightings on the Village streets is | | | |
| The lightings on the Village sidewalks is | | | |

Please specify areas you think should be considered for additional lighting (if any).

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JOHNSON RECREATION

| | Too Few | Just Right | Too Many |
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| OUTDOOR recreation facilities – Johnson currently has: | | | |
| INDOOR recreation facilities – Johnson currently has: | | | |
| PUBLIC PARKS – Johnson currently has: | | | |
| PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS – Johnson currently has: | | | |
| PUBLIC MULTI-USE TRAILS – Johnson currently has: | | | |

Please specify recreation facilities Johnson should consider developing.

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Please specify recreation activities you would like to see developed and promoted in Johnson.

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ATV USE ON PUBLIC ROADS

| | Too Little | Just Right | Too Much |
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| The current use of ATVs on public roads in Johnson is | | | |

Please specify roads that should be considered for MORE or LESS use (if any).

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TOURISM and VISITOR SERVICES

(Please mark the box at right that matches your opinion)

| | Too Little | Just Right | Too Much |
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| The current level of tourism / visitors to Johnson is... | | | |
| The current level of tourism/visitor SERVICES (public restrooms, visitor centers, etc.) is... | | | |
| The current level of tourism/visitor ACTIVITIES (shops, restaurants, multi-use trails, swimming areas, sports fields/courts, etc.) is... | | | |

Please specify additional tourism/visitor SERVICES and/or ACTIVITIES that should be considered for Johnson.

NORTHERN VERMONT UNIVERSITY – JOHNSON

(Please mark the box at right that matches your opinion)

| | Too Little | Just Right | Too Much |
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| The current amount of interaction between the Town and NVU is... | | | |

Please specify ways the Town/Village could interact with NVU to benefit Johnson.

PUBLIC SAFETY

(Please mark the box at right that matches your opinion)

| | Too Little | Just Right | Too Much |
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| The current level of LAW ENFORCEMENT in Johnson is... | | | |
| The current level of FIRE PROTECTION in Johnson activity is... | | | |
| The current level EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES in Johnson is... | | | |
| The current level HOME HEALTH SERVICES in Johnson is... | | | |

Please specify additional tourism/visitor SERVICES and/or ACTIVITIES that should be considered for Johnson.

DEMOGRAPHICS

All of your answers to this survey will remain anonymous unless you choose to add your name below to provide further input to the Planning Commission.

Is Johnson your primary residence? _____.

If so, do you live in the Village or the Town? _____.

Do you own property in Johnson? _____.

How many years have you lived in Johnson? _____.

How many people in your household are younger than 18? _____.

How many people in your household are older than 65? _____.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION – If you choose, you may provide your contact information so the Planning Commission can contact you for additional input. ***THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THOUGHTS!!!***

Name _____.

Email address or telephone number – optional!) _____.

FULL TEXT COMMENTS *What did we miss? Please add or elaborate on any topics not adequately addressed above (use the ba*