**Grafton Planning Commission**

**Public Hearing Minutes**

November 10, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

Pursuant to 24 VSA §§ 4384 and 4385, the Grafton Planning Commission held the public hearing on the proposed amendments to the 2020-2028 Grafton Town Plan. The hearing was held electronically pursuant to 1 VSA 312, including The Legislature’s H.861 (2020) “Temporary Suspension of Designated Physical Meeting Location Requirements”.

1. Call to order – 6:38 pm
2. Attendance – Planning Commission Members - Dave Culver, Chris Wallace, Eric Stevens, Matt Siano; Community Members – Al Sands, Ben Jones.
3. Review of Proposed Changes – Dave C. shared is screen and showed the Town Plan in MS Word. He then reviewed the changes by showing them in red via the “Show Markup” option. Key points reviewed were:
   1. The removal of “Critical Resource Areas” as a land designation. Much of the changes shown were based on this one change (i.e. changing “five” to “four” whenever discussing the number of designations. Dave also reviewed the rational for the proposed changes. Detailed information of the rational can be found in the accompanying Report.
   2. The addition of “Invasive Species” to the Land Use Chapter, including two new Recommendations.
   3. The removal of the Recommendation to apply for Village Center Designation because the Town has completed this goal.
4. Public Comment
   1. Ben Jones asked for elaboration on the threat of invasive species. Al Sands described some of the more concerning plant species, including Japanese Knotweed and Buckthorn, as well as the most threatening invasive insect, the Emerald Ash Borer.
5. Commissioner Comments – none.
6. Public Hearing adjourned at 7:09 pm