

## Grafton Planning Commission

Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:00 PM

Grafton Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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### MINUTES

1. Meeting called to Order 7:02
2. The May agenda was approved
3. The minutes of the minutes from April 12, 2023 were approved.
4. Flood insurance map update. These maps will be finalized in 2026, But long before that finalization, people need to be notified and understand the importance of these maps. Should these upcoming new maps show that one's property is in a flood hazard area, they must arrange to obtain flood insurance immediately so that when the new plan becomes effective, their flood insurance will be grandfathered. If they currently have flood insurance they must take precautions to not let it lapse or they will be forced to buy much more expensive insurance or perhaps not be able to buy flood insurance at all . Before the finalization, the maps will be available for comment. And there should be an announcement at that time. It is Important that residents comment on the accuracy of the maps; if not, the map will be hard or impossible to change.
5. Wastewater. Upcoming TB Wastewater presentation in late September, TB has no experience with biological wastewater and is dismissive. This is out of their comfort zone. Vt is not progressive in these matters. Matt reaching out alternative consultant for presentation.

The committee agreed to Invite the Bob Donald of the Windham Foundation to make him aware of what is going on regarding T&B direction on the wastewater project. Explain to him that there may be alternatives and the PC can be seen as doing parallel work with the SB.

The committee agreed to try to get experts on alternative wastewater treatment to explain these arrangements to the PC and hopefully, to a wider audience.

6. Act 250 Review and Potential Changes. The changes being considered appear to impact housing. VT wants more housing. Philosophical between more housing and aesthetic beauty of VT. The move is to to relax Act 250 regulations and show we can make more housing. Make it easier to get things thru for development.
7. Next schedule meetin is June 13
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:44