**PLANNING COMMISSION**

TOWN OF WHITINGHAM

P.O. BOX 529

JACKSONVILLE, VERMONT 05342-0529

REGULAR MEETING

**February 11, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Brad Lackey, Peter Barus, Kristen Breeden, Zoning Administrator Gig Zboray and guest John Bennett of the Windham Regional Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

No changes or additions were made to the Agenda.

**A motion was made by Brad Lackey to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2015, 2nd by Peter Barus, all in favor.**

John Bennett will work on pages 4 through 9 dealing with census data.

John was told all the updates we had made to the Town Plan at the January meeting (pages 10-19).

John provided Planning Commission members with a copy of 24 V.S.A. § 4382 which covers all items that must be included in a Town Plan. It was found that our current plan expires on August 3, 2015. In order to do a rapid/temporary re-adoption of the current plan we must update the census data, work on the flood resilience, and “specificity for villages”. We are in good shape with the other requirements of this statute.

John also provided information regarding Village Center Designations (benefits of, statutes regarding and new rules for linking designation in municipal plans).

It was decided that conducting a survey to get residents opinions on a variety of issues should be put on hold for the time being. It is more important to focus on the items needed for re-adoption.

Gig will make postcards to distribute at Town Meeting and ask Bonnie Jo Radasch to add a paragraph to the Planning Commission annual report that states:

*The Planning Commission is currently updating the Town Plan and will be conducting a survey to get residents opinions on a variety of issues. When the survey is ready notices will be posted around town and on the Town website at* [*www.townofwhitingham-vt.org*](http://www.townofwhitingham-vt.org)*.*

In order to meet or beat the expiration date of our current Town Plan the timeline should be as follows:

Now through early April make all the changes necessary

May – mail copies of the proposed Plan to abutting Towns

June – Planning Commission hearing

July- Selectboard Hearing

August 3, 2015 deadline for adoption

**The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2015 at 7pm.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm**

Respectfully submitted, *Gig Zboray*