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Report on draft Vision for the Future: 2021 Town Plan, Woodbury, VT

The Woodbury Planning Commission has drafted *Vision for the Future: 2021 Town Plan, Woodbury, VT* to guide the town for the next eight years. A report is required by state law when considering an update or amendment of a municipal plan. This report is intended to meet the statutory requirements of 24 V.S.A. § 4384(c).

The Planning Commission proposes a re-writing and reorganizing the Town Plan, including updates to all chapters, maps and appendices that will result in a new Town Plan for the Town of Woodbury. The draft 2021 Town Plan is consistent with the state planning goals established in 24 V.S.A. §4302, as well as other recent state requirements for municipal

plans. It provides updated data, information and mapping. Here's the hyperlink to the Plan: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/9.17.2021-Woodbury-Town-Plan-Draft-2.pdf>

The future and use chapter reflects a continued emphasis on concentrating economic and historic preservation efforts within the historic Village of Woodbury Center Village and South Woodbury and proposes the creation of a new Forest District to encourage forest integrity; plus a new Village Neighbor District to allow for new neighbor-style clustered development. The new Implementation Program identifies Goals, Strategies, and a set of regulatory and non-regulatory Action items. Additionally a set of priority action have been identified, they include:

- ♦ Raise awareness and educate property owners and residents about the ecological important of forest blocks and about the State's Shoreline Protection Act
- ♦ Form committees to:
 - Undertake a feasibility study for the establishment of a town beach;
 - Recommend how to expand the local trail systems for all users;
 - Facilitate efforts for the creation of public gathering places and the possible establishment of a store or café.
- ♦ Apply for Village Center Designation to make financial and technical assistance resources available to commercial and public buildings in Woodbury Center Village including the school and town hall;
- ♦ Continue support of, and maintain a town representative on the regional Consolidated Union District, CV Fiber, or other contractors in the deployment of high-speed broadband connectivity.
- ♦ Seek grant funds to implement recommendations of the Woodbury Village Planning Study, specifically to identify water and wastewater options for Woodbury Center Village and to install streetscape recommendations for traffic calming and for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The plan includes an enhanced energy plan as an appendix to meet the requirements of Act 171 and the following plans are incorporated by reference:

- Woodbury Town Plan 2021 Data & Map Appendix, draft September 16, 2021 https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/09162021-draft-2021-Woodbury-Town-Plan-Map_Data_Appendix.pdf
- Woodbury Community Values Mapping Report, prepared by VT Fish & Wildlife Department, March 24, 2021: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Woodbury-Community-Values-Mapping-Report.pdf>
- Woodbury Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, prepared by the Town of Woodbury, adopted February 4, 2019: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Woodbury-VT-LHMP.pdf>
- Town Forest Recreation Plan, prepared by SE Group and Arrowwood Environmental, October 15, 2018: https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Woodbury-Plan-Document_Final.pdf

- Woodbury Community Planning Project – Planning for the Future of Woodbury Village, prepared by LandWorks, December 2015: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Village-Plan-Final-Report.pdf>

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