

NVDA Town Plan Regional Approval Hearing Town Plans for Review: Charleston and Westfield

Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at 6:00 PM
at the Northeastern Vermont Development Association
79 Coventry Street
Newport, VT

AGENDA

Before the opening of the public hearing, the NVDA Town Plan Regional Approval Committee will act to appoint a chairperson and secretary. The Plans shall be reviewed according to the format below, which should allow sufficient time for exchange of concerns, questions, and ideas.

1. Open the hearing and introductions

2. Purpose of the hearing:

NVDA staff will explain the purpose of town plan approval by the regional planning commission, according to 24 V.S.A. §4350

3. Charleston Town Plan Review Process

3a. Introduction of local representatives

The municipality will have a representative explain the following:

- A. Is the plan a minor or major update OR is it an entirely new plan?
- B. If a major update, what has changed?
- C. What was the motivating factor to update or write the plan?
- D. What does the town hope to achieve by adopting a local plan? (e.g. amend zoning, apply for grants, influence Act 250 or Section 248 hearings)
- E. How can NVDA help your community in the future?

3b. Question and comments to planning commission/local representatives

Each NVDA committee member will have the opportunity to pose questions to the municipal representative.

3c. Charleston's questions/comments to committee

4. Westfield Town Plan Review Process

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4b. Question and comments to planning commission/local representatives

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4c. Westfield's questions/comments to committee

5. Close the public hearing

Following the close of the public hearing the committee will act to prepare its recommendation to the full board. This recommendation will be for either approval or disapproval of the Town Plan presented at this public hearing. The full board of NVDA will act on the committee's recommendation at its next meeting.

******Public Hearing on the determination of energy compliance to immediately follow******

Public Hearing on the Determination of Energy Compliance for the Municipal Plans of Charleston and Westfield

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The Towns of Westfield and Charleston have requested a determination of energy compliance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4352. This determination, per statute, requires a public hearing.

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1. Purpose of the hearing:

NVDA staff will explain the purpose of review of the town plan for a determination of energy compliance, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4352.

2. Charleston Town Plan Review Process

NVDA staff will explain how the Charleston Town Plan comports with the enhanced energy planning standards for municipal plans.

3. Westfield Town Plan Review Process

NVDA staff will explain how the Westfield Town Plan comports with the enhanced energy planning standards for municipal plans.

4. Public Comment

Public comment will be taken on the requests of the Towns of Charleston and Westfield for a determination of energy compliance.

5. Close the public hearing