

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
RIVERWALK PROJECT WORKING GROUP MEETING
Minutes of July 31, 2024

Full meeting recording is available at

<https://youtu.be/i6yToA4WcsM>

I. ROLL CALL. Charlie Morse, Merry Shernock, Kaitlyn Keating, Tom Davis, Tim Swartz, Bill Clements, Carl Pinkham, Mary Nadon Scott, Natalie Kozlowski, and one other unidentified participant online.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED): None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 10, 2024. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION

Act 250 Discussion

- Carl highlighted the need for maintaining a 50-foot undisturbed buffer strip
- Permit condition 18 and rule 2c6 discussed
- Katelyn Keating mentioned communication with Central Vermont Regional Planning
- Charlie Morse suggested town of North Field will be the permittee

Project Phasing and Bidding Process

- Discussion on whether to require bidding process
- Consensus on needing a bid due to ARPA money involvement
- Discussion on project phases: **D** first, **A** second, **B** and **C** last

Community Engagement and Concerns

- Tom emphasized the importance of addressing safety concerns from Vermont Housing Authority residents
- Carl to continue communication with Karina Daily regarding dam removal
- **Katelyn Keating** and **Mary** listed resident concerns: parking, safety, lighting, fencing

Planning for Public Display

- Aim to have posters developed by September 17th for Night on the Common
- Discussion on funding and additional costs for benches and picnic tables
- Suggestion to have Chief Gomez attend the meeting with residents for safety concerns

v. Next Steps

- **Thomas Davis** to contact Alex Farrell for top-down approach with Vermont Housing Authority
- **Carl** to follow-up with Karina Daily on dam removal project
- Prepare posters for public display by September 17th
- Plan a meeting with senior residents before Labor Day
- Confirm names and details of local management for Green Mountain Apartments
- Develop PR plan for public engagement post-resident meeting.
- Ensure payment issues with Timber and Stone are resolved.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. The group adjourned at 7:17 p.m.