

Planning and Zoning Report for 2022

The Planning and Zoning Board has had a busy year this past year.

We have successfully updated the Town's by-laws with the help of the Northern Vermont Development Association (NVDA). These by-laws were updated and voted on by the Select Board on April 26, 2022.

The Zoning and Planning Board worked hand in hand with the Select Board to bring the Vermont Council of Rural Development (VCRD) to do three town visits to help the town to prioritize town improvement ideas on which the community could work. The first visit was on July 14, where VCRD led four different brainstorming sessions discussing four major topics: Education and Families; Economic Development, Infrastructure; Housing, Preservation; Community Connectivity; and Recreation and Land Use. Out of these four brainstorming sessions came many ideas on which the town could focus. The second visit on August 8th, at the Concord School, the town was led in a process that prioritized the list of ideas and three were chosen. The three general consensus winners were, Attract Businesses and Industry to Concord; Bring a Store Back to the Community; and Clean up and Improve Miles Pond Beach. In the third visit on September 14th, VCRD led the town through more brainstorming sessions focused on ways that the town could come up with an action plan for each of the three areas of focus; all actions that would help improve the town of Concord. The outcome was that an action group has been formed to see these projects to fruition.

The Planning and Zoning Board is in the process of updating the Municipal Plan and has hired a consultant to work with the Board and would like any interested citizens to join the committee for this process. The goal is to have the municipal plan in front of the Select Board in March or April.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Urie
Planning and Zoning Board Chair