

**Draft Minutes**  
**TOWN OF SWANTON**  
**VILLAGE OF SWANTON**  
**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE**  
**TOWN SELECTBOARD**  
**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**  
**And**  
**SWANTON RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**TOWN OFFICES**  
**1 ACADEMY STREET**  
**SWANTON, VT**

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – 6:00 pm**

Present: Earl Fournier-SLB Chair, Edward White SR-Vice Chair, Nicole Draper, Cody Hemenway, Steve Bourgeois-Members, Brian Savage-Town Administrator, Cathy Fournier-Town Clerk, Christina Candels-Administrative Assistant, Amy Giroux-Zoning Administrator, Corey Parent, Ross Lavoie, Betsy Fournier, Ed Daniel, Jason Guyette, Neal Speer, Chris Leach, Eugene LaBombard, Adam Paxman, Heather Lavoie, David Winchester, Sandy Skeels-Kilburn, Ron Kilburn, Kaitlyn Ploof, Joel Clark, Alicia Bourdeau, Josh Ellerbrook, Cheryl Underwood, Jim Coutts, Gordon Winters, Susan Collins-Zoom, Linda Daneau-Zoom, Chevon Cooper-Zoom

- A. Call to Order  
Mr. Fournier called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance  
Mr. Fournier led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Agenda Review  
Mr. Fournier reviewed the agenda.
- D. Public Comment  
None
- E. Meeting Topics
  - a) PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION BY THE SELECTBOARD of the Municipal Plan.

Mr. Daniel spoke of the hard work the Planning Commission has done to update a new Municipal Plan for Swanton with the assistance of Corey Parent & Amy Giroux. Mr. Daniel highlighted the important edits as to how they would like to see Swanton prosper in the next 8 years.

Mr. Fournier started the discussion of the Adopting the Municipal Plan at 6:08 pm  
Mr. Parent updated the maps that have been added as well as few minor additions. The Municipal Plan now goes to Northwest Regional Planning for approval. Northwest

Regional Planning has already reviewed and the edits have been completed that they requested. Mr. Savage will write a letter requesting the review.  
Mr. Parent reviewed the resolution needed to pass the Municipal Plan.

**Mr. White made a motion to adopt Swanton Municipal Plan, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Hemenway made a motion to exit the Public Hearing for Municipal Plan at 6:16 pm, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried.**

b) Update on the LVRT Trailhead – Mr. Joel Clark

Mr. Clark updated the board that the preliminary plans are complete. The State of Vermont is now requiring a Phase One Archaeological Survey completed. UVM will complete this survey. The cost will be \$10,788.39. This will come out of the money set aside for the project. UVM is quite sure they will be able to complete the study this Fall, that will keep with the schedule to begin construction next Spring.

**Mr. Hemenway made a motion to approve \$10,788.39 for Phase One Archaeological Survey, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried.**

c) Report of Site Committee of the proposed Community Center

Mr. Savage & Mr. Clark reviewed the Communal Center Committee Report. The committee consisted of Brian Savage, Nicole Draper, Joel Clark and Bill Sheets. The committee's report listed 6 Proposed options using existing Rec Space in different designs, 4<sup>th</sup> street property and former furniture store. The report also lists two responses to the RFP advertised of land owners offering to sell. 53 Lafar Street for \$575,000 & 100 Lavoie Ave for \$450,000. Neither of the properties are viable options for Community Center at this time.

Mr. Fournier spoke about the conversation recently had with the owner of Shelburne Limestone with the concerns of truck traffic on Jewett St. They are very good partners with the Community, with this project and are willing to cooperate with the future of this project. Mr. Demers also told Mr. Fournier that in the future there will be no room for growth with Shelburne Limestone as an adjacent property. Mr. Fournier also stated they are still awaiting one more confirmation of an offer of a property that is not ready to be shared publicly yet. Mr. Fournier hopes to have this information before the next Selectboard meeting. Mr. Fournier has also been given an offer to the Town for the Swanton Wayside property; this amount was not announced.

Ms. Betsy Fournier spoke about the other opportunities planned for the Community once the location is set this will be part of the Master Plan. There are other locations in Swanton they can use for Recreation.

Mr. Daniel stated that he would like to see Swanton Historical Society added to Community Center.

Other Community members in attendance spoke in favor of building Community Center in current location.

The Feasibility Study the Selectboard requested be completed is due back in mid-September.

F. Any other necessary business

None

G. Public Comment (reprise)

None

H. Adjournment

**Ms. Draper made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm, seconded by Mr. Hemenway  
Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christina Candels-Administrative Assistant