



## Village Steering Committee

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### Meeting Minutes December 8, 2014

**Present:** Michael Buscher, Rolf Kielman, Jeff French, Catherine Goldsmith, Mary Hurlie

1. Minutes of last meeting - Approved
2. Owiso Makuku attended to consider joining the Village Steering Committee, Welcome Owiso!
3. Rolf's last meeting is tonight, he is moving on to the Planning Commission. He recommends we attend and champion folks to attend and voice their opinions to the new Town Plan.
  - Town Plan input and review: the Planning Commission is revisiting the Town Plan and the VSC has been asked to weigh in on that review. Of specific interest to us perhaps are sections 3.2 The Village and 8.1 Historic Resources. We need to review these two sections and prepare to discuss possible adjustments and/or improvements. Perhaps we consider things such as building size (Chester Vermont did this) and changes to the zoning of certain Village districts (such as Commerce Park ... if the Planning Commission had followed VSC advice the Hannaford project would have been significantly different) i.e., architectural design review.
  - We should prepare some placeholder of areas of the current plan we have further discussion in, then prepare a formal review of our suggestions to ensure it can be incorporated into the new Plan.
  - Action item, members to read the current town plan, review sections 3.2 and 8.1 specifically, come to January meeting prepared to discuss areas you feel the VSC should advocate.
4. Memorial Park. Review status of the trees and our implementation plans for the park going forward. Submit our plan to the Select Board for formal approval?
  - VTrans has approved our tree planning plan. We need to review the final design. Taking longer than hoped but we are making forward progress with VTrans approval.

- Should Memorial Park remain for Military only? Or should we open to Fire, Police or anyone? If we move that way, all agree larger town input would be needed.
5. Status of letter to Select Board from VSC authored by Mary Hurlie
    - Rolf forwarded to the Select Board for further review.
  6. Public Presentations: Does the VSC wish to sponsor/organize another talk by a knowledgeable speaker on an important issue?
    - We had Julie Campoli on smart growth, town planners from Williston and South Burlington at the last Town Planning meeting. Next one is Wed 12.10.2014 to discuss transportation issues that various towns face. Discussed possible topics for future discussion on economic growth, affordable housing, and historic preservation. The VSC may want to consider proposing topics on village growth and challenges.
  7. Approve Town Meeting Day book report that Jeff drafted. Approved. Jeff will send to Town.
  8. Nominate new chair/recording secretary? Rolf: This will be my last official meeting with the VSC so we need to address this topic. I hope to help with the Memorial Park plan implementation and complete the bench placement in the coming year.
    - Jeff French – nominated by Rolf, Mike and Mary, agreed. Jeff French is the new chair starting January 2015
    - Mike Buscher – nominated by all members as Recorder, approved.

Recording Secretary  
Jeff French