

Minutes of the NVDA Regional Approval Hearing for Lyndon Town Plan

**Thursday, February 4th at
6:00 PM Via Zoom**

From the Town Plan Review Committee: Paul Brouha, Gina Vigneault, Kenn Stransky

NVDA Staff: Irene Nagle

From the Town of Lyndon: Marty Feltus

Gina nominated Paul to serve as chair for the regional approval hearing. All were in favor.

The hearing opened at approximately 6:15, once all Town Plan Committee members were present.

The hearing began with introductions of those present. Irene explained the purpose and benefits of having a regionally approved plan and noted that Alison Low completed the review and found the plan to contain all the required elements under State statute.

Although Marty Feltus is no longer a Lyndon official, she provided the local perspective since no town official was present at the hearing, and she was familiar with the process of preparing the Plan. She noted that the Town Plan represented a major update. The main motivation to update the Plan was to enable the town to be eligible for various State programs and grants, and so that it could update its zoning regulations.

Gina commented that the Lyndon Plan was well done and the most detailed she had yet reviewed.

Kenn commended the Town Plan's discussion of the opportunities and challenges associated with the College and Lyndon Institute, including the management of the Fenton Chester Arena.

Paul noted that one way to forward the objective to enhance transparency and efficiency of local government operations might be for the governance of Lyndonville Electric to be extended to the communities that are served by the utility. He also commended the policy on page 52 that proposed providing energy conservation incentives at the consumer level.

Paul had notes on some typos throughout the Plan. Irene noted that Alison had listed a few corrections as well in her review memo. These edits will be provided to the Town.

Motion for a recommendation: Paul Brouha made a motion that the committee recommend approval of the Lyndon Town Plan to the full NVDA Board. Gina seconded and all were in favor.

The public hearing was closed at approximately 6:40.