

**TOWN OF JACKSON**  
**JOINT PLANNING & TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**February 18, 2014**

The Town of Jackson Planning & Town Boards held a joint meeting on February 18, 2014 at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm with the following members present:

Planning Board Members

Noel Hanf, Chairman  
Mark Mahoney  
Norma Nilsen  
Tracy Schneider  
John Tully

Town Board Members

Supervisor Brown  
Councilman Nolan  
Councilman Rea  
Councilman Rich  
Councilman Rous

Others present:

Sharon Dunn  
John Pedersen

**JOINT MEETING**

Approximately 5 days prior to the Joint meeting, the members of the Town Board received copies of the most recent draft of the comprehensive plan (CP) dated February 4, 2014. After an overview of the steps that had been taken, as well as the future steps required before a plan can become effective, Chairman Hanf welcomed comments from both Boards.

A variety of comments/questions were discussed including:

- The Town of Jackson is primarily part of consolidated ag district #5 but is also a part of district #3 near the Easton town line.
- Councilman Rich requested the following changes to be considered:
  - Pg. 1, last paragraph: *Among the benefits...* changed to *One of the benefits...*
  - Pg. 8, under **Educational and cultural facilities**: move Shushan Covered Bridge into paragraph one in that same section.
  - Pg. 8-9, she would like Battenkill Riversports to be listed closer to Lake Lauderdale Campground.
  - Attachment, business list: include dairy farms in the list.
- Resident Sharon Dunn suggested that key definitions be included in the document to help people understand various terms such as “comprehensive plan”, “site plan review”, “zoning”, etc.
- Resident John Pedersen shared his concerns that the document didn’t include “recommendations.” It was explained that there were recommendations originally stated in the document, but that the public should be included in the planning of the recommendations.
- To alleviate fears about zoning, the board suggested that the following statement be added, “at this time, zoning is not recommended.”
- Supervisor Brown commented that there might need to be more information about the benefits of the railroad. He also suggested creating a one-page summary about the comprehensive plan which could be used for news articles.

The Planning Board will complete the updates and set dates for two public hearings at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC  
Town Clerk/Planning Board Clerk

**NEXT PLANNING BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:30**