

Huntington Planning Commission Report
2019 HUNTINGTON TOWN PLAN
Planning Commission Hearing June 25, 2019

This report is in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4384(c) which states:

“When considering an amendment to a plan, the planning commission shall prepare a written report on the proposal. The report shall address the extent to which the plan, as amended, is consistent with the goals established in §4302 of this title.”

Summary of the proposed 2019 Huntington Town Plan changes:

The entire Huntington Town Plan (last adopted in 2014) was updated. This update has retained much of the direction from the 2014 plan, with the following changes to structure and policy:

- The addition of a data profile to describe past and projected future trends in Huntington (Demographic, Economic and Energy Data Profile)
- The addition of materials to fulfill the requirements for “enhanced energy planning,” including data on current and future energy use, generation and energy use targets, and policies and actions for siting renewable energy generation and moving Huntington towards Vermont’s goal of 90% renewable energy by 2050. These materials can be found in Appendix 1 and the Energy Chapter
- The addition of discussion and actions about the Vermont Municipal General Roads Permit and the effect this permit will have on Huntington’s road maintenance
- The incorporation of the Lower Village Bicycling and Pedestrian Scoping Study
- The incorporation of the recently adopted Huntington Outdoor and Forest-Based Recreation Plan
- The incorporation of natural resources inventories from the Science to Action Plan and related actions
- Additional description of Huntington’s recent work on increasing minimum density in the Village Center area
- The identification of natural resources and working lands elsewhere in the town that should be evaluated for possible additional protections.

While this proposed plan, and the proposed land use regulations, include increasing minimum density in the Village Center Districts, this does not constitute an alteration of a land area as described in 4384(c). The Town has been actively working on implementing long standing goals of Village center growth since the adoption of the 2014 plan. Additionally, Huntington’s capital planning and other plans for future infrastructure and growth already reflect the proposed Village land use regulation changes before the Selectboard.

The following matrix explains how the *Draft 2019 Huntington Town Plan* is consistent with the goals established in §4302:

HUNTINGTON TOWN PLAN
SECTION HEADINGS

- Introduction
- Relationship to Surrounding Towns and Region
- Demographic, Economic and Energy Data Profile
- Economy
- Housing
- Energy
- Education
- Facilities, Services and Utilities
- Historic Features
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Natural Resources
- Land Use
- Implementation Section
- Appendix 1: Detailed Energy Data and Long-Term Actions
- Maps

	§4382 Required Elements	Chapters and Maps	Pages
1	Statement of Objectives, Policies, Programs	End of each chapter, and Implementation section	End of each chapter; pg. 73
2	Land Use Plan	Land Use Chapter; Natural Resources Chapter; Maps 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8	66-72; 55-65
3	Transportation Plan	Transportation Chapter; Map 3	47-50
4	Utility and Facility Plan	Facilities, Services and Utilities; Map 4	37-41
5	Rare Natural Resources/Historic Resources	Historic Features Chapter; Natural Resources Chapter; Map 4	42-46; 55-65
6	Educational Facilities Plan	Education Chapter; Map 4	33-36
7	Implementation Program	End of each chapter, and Implementation section	End of each chapter; pg. 73
8	Development Trends	Relationship to Surrounding Towns and Region Chapter	4-10
9	Energy Plan	Energy chapter; Appendix 1: Energy Plan; Map 10	28-32; 75-105
10	Housing Element	Data Profile Chapter; Housing Chapter	18-20; 26-27
11	Economic Development Element	Data Profile Chapter; Economy Chapter	14-17; 23-35
12	Flood Resiliency Plan	Natural Resources Chapter; Land Use Chapter	58-60; 70
	§4302 State Planning Goals	Chapters and Maps	Pages
1	Development Pattern	Land Use Chapter	66-72
2	Economy	Economy Chapter	23-25
3	Education	Education Chapter	33-36
4	Transportation	Transportation Chapter; Education Chapter	47-50; 35
5	Natural and Historic Resources	Historic Features Chapter, Natural Resources Chapter	42-46; 55-65
6	Quality of Resources	Natural Resources Chapter; Appendix 1: Energy Plan	55-65; 75-102
7	Energy	Energy Chapter; Appendix 1: Energy Plan	28-32; 75-105
8	Recreation	Recreation Chapter; Map 3	51-54
9	Agriculture and Forest Industries	Natural Resources Chapter; Land Use Chapter	55-65; 66-72
10	Use of Resources	Natural Resources Chapter	62
11	Housing	Data Profile Chapter; Housing Chapter	18-20; 26-27
12	Public Facilities	Data Profile Chapter; Facilities, Services and Utilities chapter	11-13; 37-41
13	Child Care	Data Profile Chapter; Economy Chapter	13; 25
14	Flood Resiliency	Natural Resources Chapter; Land Use Chapter	58-60; 70

MEMORANDUM

TO: TOWN OF RICHMOND, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR
TOWN OF BOLTON, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR
TOWN OF FAYSTON, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR
TOWN OF WATERBURY, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR
TOWN OF DUXBURY, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR
TOWN OF STARKSBORO, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR
TOWN OF HINESBURG, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR
BUELS GORE, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR
CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND
POLICY MANAGER

FROM: THE HUNTINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION

RE: DRAFT 2019 HUNTINGTON TOWN PLAN

DATE: May 23, 2019

The Huntington Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Huntington Public Library on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7pm to receive public comment regarding the draft 2019 Huntington Town Plan.

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Enclosed with this memo you will find the following documents:

1. Public hearing notice, dated May 14, 2019
2. Full electronic copy of the draft 2019 Huntington Town Plan
3. A report in accordance with 24 VSA §4384(c), summarizing the extent to which the Plan is consistent with the goals established by 24 VSA §4302.

Copies of these documents are being distributed electronically in order to reduce printing and mailing costs. If you require a paper version, please contact the town office.

Comment on the Town Plan is welcome, either in person at the hearing, or in writing. Written comments may be submitted via email to Adam Miller, Planning Commission Chair at huntingtonplanning@gmavt.net; submitted online via Civiccomment at <http://ccrpc.civiccomment.org/>; or submitted by mail to the Huntington Planning Commission, 4930 Main Road, Huntington, Vermont 05462. Written comments will be accepted until 5pm on Tuesday, July 2, 2019.