

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MONKTON PLANNING COMMISSION MONKTON TOWN PLAN UPDATE**

The Monkton Planning Commission will hold an in-person public hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge, Monkton, Vermont, with a virtual option. This hearing is held pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 4441. This notice is issued pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 4444(b). At this meeting, the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) will also conduct a consultation with the municipality regarding its planning efforts. ACRPC's Local Government Committee shall review Monkton's Town Plan to determine whether the Plan:

- (1) is consistent with the goals established in 24 V.S.A. §4302;
- (2) is compatible with its regional plan;
- (3) is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region;
- (4) contains all the elements included in 24 V.S.A. §4382;

## **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of a town plan is to provide a vision for orderly development within the town. It is essentially a "picture in time" that uses existing conditions to guide zoning and development decisions for the eight-year period covered by the next Town Plan. The new town plan is a partial revision of the plan adopted in 2020. The proposed Town Plan affects all the land within the Town of Monkton. It updates sections that use US Census data to current 2020 data and adds information from the natural resources inventory conducted for the town in 2022-2023.

The Monkton Planning Commission believes the following are the significant changes offered by the plan:

- (1) The following sections have had data updated: Population, Housing, Education and Childcare, and Economic Development.
- (2) The Utilities and Facilities section had information updated to be current on the New Town Hall, Library, and the Recreation and Cultural Resources sections.
- (3) The Natural Resource sections on Forests and Water Resources have had information added from the natural resources inventory, including new maps. The Forests section has a new subsection on Forest Integrity that identifies core forest blocks and habitat connectors, which allows the town to meet Act 171 State Law requirements. Water Resources section had buffers better defined.
- (4) The Plan Implementation section was reorganized and updated.

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Copies of the Monkton Town Plan can be viewed at the Monkton Town Hall, the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office located at 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury, or on Monkton's website: <https://www.monktonvt.com>.

## **Zoom Meeting Information:**

Link to join a Zoom meeting by computer video: <https://zoom.us/join>

Monkton's Zoom meeting ID: 802-453-3800

Monkton's Zoom Password: 1762

Telephone Number to attend meeting by phone: 646-558-8656

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