

Development Review Board Proposal

Resources Considered: Merger Charter

Recommended by public, committee members, town staff

Proposed language:

§ 117-209. Appointments by Selectboard

(a) The Selectboard shall appoint the members of the following permanent commissions and positions:

(1) Development Review Board (will replace the Zoning Board on or before July 1, 2024; members shall be appointed on or before but no later than July 1, 2024);

(2) Zoning Board of Adjustment (will be replaced by Development Review Board on or before July 1, 2024. All appointed terms shall end when the the Zoning Board of Adjustment terminates);

(3) Planning Commission;

(4) Commission on Public Safety;

(5) Cemetery Commission;

(6) Town Attorney;

(7) Town Manager; and

(8) Energy Coordinator.

(b) The Selectboard may appoint such additional commissions and committees as they feel to be in the best interest of the Town and all other appointive or elective officers authorized by statute.

(c) The terms of all appointments shall commence on the day after the day of appointment unless the appointment is to fill a vacancy in an office, in which case the term shall commence at the time of appointment.

§ 117-802. Development Review Board

A Development Review Board shall be established and its powers, obligations, and operation shall be under and in accordance with Vermont Statutes Annotated, as they may be amended from time to time hereafter. The Development Review Board shall consist of five regular members and alternate members as necessary, appointed by the Town Selectboard in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 4460, as may be amended from time to time.

§ 117-803. Energy-Related Issues

The Selectboard shall appoint an individual to serve as an energy coordinator to advise the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board on energy-related considerations in accordance with and given such responsibilities as described in 24 V.S.A. § 1131, as may be amended from time to time.

§ 117-804 – Transition Provisions

The Planning Commission and the Development Review Board as described in § 117-801 and § 117-802 shall take effect within one year after enactment of this Charter or July 1, 2024, whichever date is earlier. All terms for members of the existing Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals shall end upon the creation of the new Planning Commission and Development Review Board as described above.