

## PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICE

In 2016 the Planning & Zoning Office issued 87 zoning permits for land development, which is a decrease from the 116 permits issued in 2015. Six permits were issued for new housing units, including five new single-family homes and one new apartment, while six permits were issued for home additions and ten permits for new garages/barns. Nine permits were issued for new commercial uses and 10 for expansions to existing commercial uses, which marks a slight increase in commercial permits from 2015. Additionally, there were 10 permits issued for minor subdivisions.

This year the Planning Commission focused on an update to the flood hazard regulations contained in the Town Zoning Bylaws. The new regulations increase protections for people and property in the Town's special flood hazard areas and became effective September 27, 2016. The Planning Commission also continued to work toward the realization of several goals within the Town Plan, by supporting the development of the Lyndon Walk & Bike Safety Action Plan and the Village of Lyndonville Community Forest Strategic Action Plan. Copies of these plans as well as the current Zoning Bylaws are available in the Zoning & Planning Office or online on the Town's website [www.lyndonvt.org](http://www.lyndonvt.org).

The Development Review Board maintained a steady workload this year, which was similar in application volume to the two previous years. In 2016 The Board reviewed 36 applications, including 10 subdivisions, 20 conditional uses, 5 site plans, and one request for an extension of the completion date of a permit. The Development Review Board looks forward to another strong year with many new projects coming to Lyndon.

As the new Planning Director and Zoning Administrator, I look forward to working with many of you on projects in the upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to stop by my office for assistance completing an application, to ask a questions about a project, or just to introduce yourself. I can also be reached by phone at 626-1269.

Finally, I would like to thank the following members of the Development Review Board and Planning Commission for their many hours of volunteer service to the community, as well as extend a special thank you to Peter Morrissette, Oralie Lefavre, and Jennifer Gould who each left Boards in 2016 after years of service.

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