**­Planning Board Reporting Form for Proposed Municipal Plan**

Pursuant to 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.”*

the Woodford Planning Commission has prepared the following report on the proposed Woodford Town Plan, which will receive input at a Planning Commission public hearing scheduled for 5:30PM

**October 16, 2023,** at the Woodford Town Office at 1391 VT Route 9 in Woodford.

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The Woodford Planning Commission has updated the Town Plan with technical support from Bennington County Regional Commission staff beginning in the winter of 2023 and concluding in the fall of 2023. While overall structure and content of the plan are based on Woodford’s previous Town Plan (last updated November 18, 2015), the Planning Commission made significant changes in the form of a new maps and policies regarding forest block protections consistent with Act 171, new statistics and demographic data, and new historic preservation policies. The outline of the updated plan is as follows:

1. Short History, Today, Demographics
2. Woodford – the Place
3. Local Economy and Resources
4. Vision and Goals
5. Natural Characteristics of the Land
6. Land Use Element
7. Community Facilities and Services
8. The Cost of Governmental Services
9. Housing
10. Energy
11. Putting the Plan to Work

Appendix A – Maps

Appendix B – Consistency with State Planning Goals

The proposed Woodford Town Plan does not alter the designation of any land area. Appendix B outlines the plan’s compliance with state planning goals as described in 24 V.S.A. §4302. Plan updates reflect the priorities of town residents as incorporated by the Woodford Planning Commission.

Copies of the proposed Woodford Town Plan are available for review at the Woodford Town Office by request and on the town website: https://woodfordvt.org

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