

# **Town & Village of Enosburgh, Vermont Comprehensive Municipal Plan 2020**



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Enosburgh Planning Commission**

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### ***Telecommunications.***

Accesses to telecommunication services are increasingly important to the security, quality of life and economic needs of residents and businesses. Cable, DSL, and cellular service are available in the Village and in select areas of the Town. Many town residents have access to high speed internet.

Telecommunication towers and related infrastructure require careful consideration. These structures tend to be located in highly visible locations such as on mountaintops and ridgelines. The need for additional facilities is projected to increase dramatically in the coming years. The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 placed certain limitations over municipal control of these structures; however, within those confines, Enosburgh must act to protect the community's historic character, rural nature, and aesthetic beauty.

### ***Public Buildings & Public Land.***

Enosburgh residents have a long history of contributing land, infrastructure, and facilities to enhance the community's quality of life. For example, the B. J. Kendall Company constructed the Opera House and water system and, in 1899, Olin Merrill, the Kendall Company business manager, donated Lincoln Park and furnished quarters for the first public library on the Merrill Block.

Enosburgh has a variety of public land and facilities within its boundaries; however, many of these properties are not in active use. Since land in public ownership is not taxed, it is important to consider present and future needs and potential use of these properties so that they can be properly managed, used, or disposed of to generate funds for management of other properties that better serve the needs of the community. A listing of properties in public ownership in Enosburgh is provided in Appendix C.

### ***Library.***

Enosburgh maintains a free library that is located on Main Street behind the Town Clerk's office. Built in 1984, this modern facility houses over 20,000 titles in books, audio books, and videos. The hours for the Town library have been expanded and it now has both full-time and part-time librarians to better serve the public. The library does meet the State standards for library facilities and services.

The Enosburgh Public Library promotes reading and literacy for everyone in the community, provides a safe and welcoming environment, and offers current and significant material as well as information resources.

The Library's focus of its services is on the development of interest and proficiency in reading, particularly reading for pleasure. The library provides access to learning of all kinds through its collection and programs, through Inter-Library Loan and internet access, and through collaboration with groups, the schools and individuals. It also serves as a gathering place for discussion and a center of the community.

## **POLICIES**

- Coordinate the extension and upgrade of water, sewer, and power lines with planned growth of the community.
- Maintain communication and cooperation with the Town of Berkshire to ensure proper land management within the Well Head Protection Area.
- Ensure that individual on-site septic systems and water supplies are sited and installed in a manner that protects public health and the quantity and quality of ground water.
- Where co-location of telecommunications facilities with other towers or structures is not feasible, new structures must be sited in appropriate areas, respecting the integrity of residential areas, aesthetic concerns, and natural resource issues.
- Investigate alternative technologies for wastewater treatment.
- Promote and encourage the development of recreational opportunities for all ages and ensure safe, convenient access to all recreation facilities is provided.
- Ensure regulation of land development does not negatively impact the availability of safe and affordable childcare.
- Provide sufficient space and facilities to carry out essential municipal functions.
- Provide emergency services and law enforcement to protect the health, safety, and property of residents and visitors.
- Encourage participation in the Emergency Subscription Program.
- Encourage patterns of land use, transportation strategies, and street design to promote walking, biking, and access to healthy foods for all.
- When considering future development within the community, identify vacant lots or unutilized spaces where parks, trails, or safe open spaces could be built and used for community gardens, community centers, Farmer's markets, or other shared community spaces.
- Enosburgh will support regional youth substance prevention groups and coalitions that discourage underage substance use.
- The town will support strategies that reduce the stigma associated with addictions and mental health problems.