

Minutes of Planning Commission meeting March 20, 2017

Roll Call: Present were Chair Fitzhugh, Supplee, Donahue, Rhodes and Hatch as clerk. Public present were Paul Brown, Ruth Ruttenburg, Laura Hill-Eubanks and Ken Goslant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2017: The minutes for 1/16/17 were not available. They will be available at the next meeting on April 17, 2017.

Planning Commission Candidate Interviews: There were three candidates. The first to speak was Ruttenburg, the second was Hill-Eubanks and the third was Brown. All candidates presented their qualifications. There were questions directed to the candidates from the Commissioners. All the questions were answered. Chair Fitzhugh thanked the candidates for attending the meeting. They could leave if they so desired. Mr. Brown elected to stay for the balance of the meeting.

Municipal Energy Survey: The survey was seeking information from the Municipality as to where they would site renewable energy sources. The State has a goal of being 90% renewable energy as of 2050. The information will be submitted to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) for inclusion in their Energy Survey Plan. Chair Fitzhugh will not be on the Planning Commission after this meeting, but he has offered to help the Commission with the Energy portion of the Town Plan, which is due to be approved by 2019. Act 174 gives the Planning Commission significant deference in the placement of sites for the renewable energy sources. The Town Plan with this designation as to sites for Natural Resources will give the Town more voice as to what is and is not acceptable to the Town. Without this information in the Town Plan, the Town can be overridden as to placement of the Renewable Resource site. There was further discussion on this subject.

Discussion of Town Plan Update process and Goals: The revised 2019 Town Plan will need to be submitted to the CVRPC for their approval. A CVRPC review of the last Town Plan stated all the right parts were there and it was approved so we should be in good shape. This will be the last of the five year cycle for the Town Plan. It will go to an eight year cycle. There was further discussion on the subject.

Recommendations for appointments to Planning Commission presented to the Select Board: A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the candidates to be recommended to the Select Board for the open seats on the Planning Commission was made by Chair Fitzhugh and seconded by Rhodes. The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Rhodes and seconded by Donahue. The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

A motion to recommend all three candidates to the Select Board was made by Rhodes and seconded by Donahue. The vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

Other Items: None.

Next Regular Meeting: April 17, 2017

Adjourn the Meeting: A motion to Adjourn was made by Chair Fitzhugh and seconded by Donahue. The vote was 4-0-0 in favor. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

These minutes are submitted by Stephen Hatch and are subject to approval at the next regular meeting; however, they are substantially correct.



Stephen Hatch

Zoning Administrator / PC Clerk