

**Franklin Planning Commission
Homestead Dining Room
June 20, 2017**

Members Present: Clark Hubbard, Dave Bennion, Rolland Rainville, Peter Kittell, Judith McLaughlin, Cyrus Grennon.

Members Absent: Dan Larivee

Guests: John Ho

Meeting called to order at 6:59 pm

Approval of Minutes: Judith McLaughlin motioned to approve the May 2017 minutes, seconded by Dave. All members voted in favor to approve.

Old Business: Clark advised that the Selectboard will hold a public hearing on Wed, June 21 to approve the Town Plan, if any members are available to answer questions and can attend that would be great. Dave advised that NRPC will be discussing and amending their Regional Plan to include the enhanced energy components and we can amend our plan accordingly at such time. Clark feels we have to allow development in line with the wind/solar pieces. Judith questions the water protection area and the need to update that in the plan as well. Clark advised they need guidance on how big the area to encompass for protection must be. He is willing to meet with Jes to discuss.

New Business: Peter Kittell/Rolland Rainville make a nomination for Clark Hubbard to be Chair of the Commission. All members in favor of Clark for Chair. Peter Kittell/Rolland Rainville make a nomination for Dave Bennion as Vice-Chair. All members in favor of Dave for Vice-Chair.

Comments from Public or PC members.

Clark welcomes John Ho to the meeting. Mr. Ho is here to discuss solar energy and what the PC and Town would like to see. The board would like to look into enhanced energy planning further and amend our town plan to fit with the regional plan for this but need more information before doing so. We would like to propose preferred locations for facilities and protected locations for no solar/wind. Mr. Ho is looking for locations for solar arrays in Town for Efficiency VT. Discussion of where the three phase wiring runs to allow solar to join onto the grid. Mr. Ho has been looking at farm lands that would make good solar locations. Restrictions can be set on the size of wind mills depending on location.

Discussion of writing an ordinance regarding screening around wind/solar farms to block from view; should this be in the town plan, the development regulations or an individual ordinance. Will need to keep this in mind when amendments are done in the fall.

Discussion of the ROW issue on Main St and the State ROW of Rte 120 and the Town ROW with the sidewalk. Rolland states the State does not want to handle anything outside of their ROW, the Selectboard needs to handle it. Law enforcement should be called to assist if necessary. There should not be

barricades allowed to restrict parking for anyone, there is limited parking and people should be allowed to park there. They have a driveway to park their cars, people cannot block the driveway. The Selectboard needs to enforce removal of the saw horses.

Peter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Clark. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

The next regular meeting of the Franklin Planning Commission will be July 18, 2017 in the Homestead Dining Room.

Respectfully submitted,
June 26, 2017
Lisa Larivee, Acting Secretary

Note: These minutes are not final until approved by the Planning Commission at the next regular meeting.

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