

Minutes of the Franklin Planning Commission
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Homestead Dining Room

Members Present: Clark Hubbard, Judith McLaughlin, Peter Kittell, David Bennion, Dan Larivee, Roland Rainville

Members Absent:

Guests: Taylor Newton-NRPC

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Approval of Minutes: February minutes approved by Dan Larivee, seconded by Peter Kittell.

Mail Folder: The Town Clerk left copies of the solar sighting Bill S.230 for members to review.

Old Business: The board discussed Bill S.230 regarding energy sighting. Taylor Newton from NRPC was present to discuss energy sighting and the Town Plan and its needed updates. Taylor reviewed the States plan and goals for solar and hydro renewable energy production. Our town plan should include areas that are ideal for solar and those that are conserved and prime land that should not be used. Discussion over the Regional Plan vs. the Town Plan and municipalities having to adhere to the regional plan. Reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of our current town plan to give us a working guideline of updates (attached) that are needed. NRPC will work with the PC on updates that are required to the town plan and zoning regulations. Reviewed the river corridor standards and what that means for the village with the large stream that runs through it. Taylor advised to speak with Stacy Palmaroy with ANR to get maps changed. Taylor will send an example of a “solar screening ordinance” that he is working on with Fairfax for our review. On May 31st there will be a public meeting at NMC with the Department of Public Service regarding the basics of the approval process for solar projects. Taylor advised NRPC does many trainings of topics for municipal officials. The benefits of a Development Review Board is that you can better plan within town for development. Fits for some towns and not others; depends on what you want to accomplish.

New Business:

Election of officers: Peter Kittell/Dan Larivee nominates Clark Hubbard as Chair; all in favor. Clark elected Chair

Peter Kittell/Rolland Rainville nominates Dan Larivee as Vice-Chair; all in favor. Dan elected Vice-Chair.

Clark speaks of the updates needed for the town plan and zoning regulations. Wants members to review and highlight areas of concern to review at meeting so they can do a bit at a time. What the member’s thoughts are about the S.230 bill and how it affects the town-pros vs. cons.

Dave Bennion has been appointed as the new representative to the NRPC board; Clark thanks Dave for taking that on.

Member Concerns: None

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Peter Kittell, seconded by Rolland. All approved.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Franklin Planning Commission will be held on May 17, 2016 in the Homestead Dining Room.

Respectfully submitted;
April 21, 2016
Lisa Larivee, Secretary

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

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