

Minutes of the Franklin Planning Commission
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Homestead Dining Room

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

Members Absent: Clark Hubbard

Guests: no guests

Meeting called to order at 7:15

Approval of Minutes: motion to approve the minutes made by Peter, seconded by Judith. All approved.

Mail Folder: Dan passed mail to the members to review. There was a registered letter from the Town of Swanton asking for comments regarding their town and village municipal plan amendments. There was also information about a workshop a spring planning and zoning forum. No PC members are attending.

Old Business: The PC discussed the consultation report by the Northwest Regional Planning Commission. The PC would like to discuss questions regarding the river corridor and other recommendations with Taylor Newton from the NRPC. The PC feels further clarification is needed in order to work the consultation report recommendations into our town plan. The PC also talked about creating a timeline for working on the municipal plan, which would also include information regarding energy projects. There was discussion regarding gathering information about the town from the public. Judith volunteered to develop an action plan for the next meeting. Judith also is going to attend a meeting with the Department of Public Service on May 31. This is a public meeting at NMC regarding the approval process for solar projects. Judith also will send an email to Clark asking him to contact Taylor Newton asking for more information regarding the river corridor recommendations.

The PC discussed drafting a bylaw establishing screening standards for ground mounted solar electricity generation plants similar to that of the town of Fairfax. Judith will work on a draft for the next meeting.

The PC discussed future solar/wind energy recs/credits.

Soil erosion and its effect on the pollution of Lake Champlain were also discussed.

New Business: no new business

Member Concerns: Judith wondered whether or not the PC can access internet to use during meetings. The PC feels it would be beneficial during meetings.

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Motion to adjourn meeting made by Peter, seconded by Judith, all approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Franklin Planning Commission will be held on June 21,
7:00 pm in the Homestead Dining Room.

Respectfully submitted;
May 18, 2016
Maureen Sodaro, Secretary

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

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