

**Minutes of Planning Commission
Tuesday, December 17, 2013
Homestead Dining Room**

Members Present: Greg Bouchard, Dan Larivee, Clark Hubbard, Peter Kittell, John Ho
Others Present: Maureen Sodaro

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Clark Hubbard

Minutes: Minutes were approved for the October 15, 2013 meeting. John Ho abstained as he had not seen the minutes.

Mail Folder: No mail to review

Old Business: There was continued discussion of the various alternative energy systems available. Greg would like to see the town look further at solar power. John mentioned that several towns have Energy Committees for that purpose.

New Business: The Commission will have pizza at the January meeting. The Commission discussed beginning to review the current By-Laws to prepare for the time when they need to be re-evaluated. There is considerable information to review. John asked who determines the Planning Commission budget. Clark responded that the Selectboard approves the budget for the Planning Commission. The Commission would like Lisa to send a copy of the budget to each Planning Commission member for review once the Selectboard has it completed. There was discussion about the need for a cell tower in Franklin. Various locations were mentioned as suitable for a tower.

Member Concerns: Clark said that he was under the impression that the Secretary was paid whether there was a meeting or not, as the Secretary took the position as a job for the town. He mentioned it to the Commission members and all felt that the Secretary should be paid regardless of a meeting or not. He will be requesting that the status of payment for Secretary be changed to a monthly paid position. Clark questioned if any Planning Commission members were interested in representing Franklin on the Northwest Regional Planning Board. He also encouraged members to attend trainings that are offered to expand knowledge about purposes of Planning Commissions.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 21, 7:00 PM in the Homestead Dining Room.

Dan Larivee made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted
December 19, 2013
Maureen Sodaro, Secretary

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

Minutes were approved January 21, 2014