

Minutes of Franklin Planning Commission
Tuesday, January 15, 2013
Homestead Dining Room

Members present: Clark Hubbard, Dan Larivee, Brooks Sturtevant and Peter Kittell.

Others present: Sara Rainville (Secretary).

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clark Hubbard.

Minutes: Dan/Brooks made the motion to approve the December 18, 2012 minutes. No discussion had; all in favor, motion passed.

Mail Folder:

-Mike & Denna Benjamin methane digester project.

Greg Bouchard entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Old business:

Membership on the PC was discussed. David Lucey has resigned, Greg and Gerard's terms are up on March. Greg would like to be reappointed. PC members have a few people in mind that they will contact.

Vermont's Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program. Clark will contact Select board chair, Peter Magnant, about a joint meeting Select board and Planning Commission on February 19, 2013. Clark will also invite someone from Northwest Region Planning and Diane Gates.

New Business:

The amount of empty, foreclosed & for sale houses on Main Street was discussed.

Member Concerns:

Sara noted that there is a person interested in the Board Secretary position but she was ill and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Clark noted that he will be attending Town meeting in March and encouraged other PC members to attend also; he will be prepared to answer any questions that may arise in regards to the updated Town Plan and recently adopted Development Regulations.

Select board public budget meeting on January 24, 2013 at the school.

Clark questioned if any PC members were interested in representing Franklin on the Northwest Regional Planning board. Discussion was had on duties and what meeting are about.

Clark encourages members to attend trainings that are offered to expand their knowledge and better their position on the PC. A training calendar usually comes out shortly after Town meeting to local boards.

Clark would like members to contact him with plenty of notice if they are not able to attend the monthly PC meeting, especially if there is something special on the agenda that the PC will be voting on.

Seasonal to year round conversions were discussed.

Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2013.

Brooks/Dan made motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
January 16, 2013

Sara Rainville, Acting Secretary

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

Minutes were approved on February 19, 2013.