

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN PLANNING COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017  
HOMESTEAD DINNING ROOM**

**Members Present:** Dave Bennion, Cyrus Grennon, Judith McLaughlin, Rolland Rainville, Dan Larivee and Clark Hubbard.

**Guests:** John Ho.

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Judith/Cyrus to approve the minutes from September 19, 2017; no discussion had, all in favor; minutes approved.

**Public Comments:**

Members welcomed John Ho to the meeting. John talked about the solar installation that is he planning on his property on Dewing Road. He is working on submitting the application and confirmed that the Planning Commission received the information on the project that was sent to Clark for review; he is looking for a letter of support/approval with any comments or concerns from the Town and also Northwest Regional Planning Commission to send with the application. He provided a sample of a letter that was done in the Town of Shoreham. The recently approved Energy Plan from Northwest Regional Planning Commission was discussed for Franklin County in regards to John's project. PC suggested he look it up online to see how his project fits into it. Timeline was discussed. Letter will also go to the Select board for review and approval. Members were in favor of letter as long as project fits with the Town Plan. PC would also like to have a copy of the schematics. Clark will have the Town Clerk's Office draft a letter of support on behalf of the Planning Commission on the Town letterhead. Then will send it to the Select board for their review and approval. Proposed letter: "The Town of Franklin's Planning Commission supports the development of John Ho's solar array plan as long as we receive the schematics showing where the array will be set up and how much land will be used. The Planning Commission is in favor of the project and approves. We request that the Select Board also support this project. Sincerely, Franklin Planning Commission."

Dave is attending the Select Board meeting on October 18, 2017; he will mention the letter that will coming to them for their review & support.

**Mail:**

-FEMA mapping update

**Old Business:** Rolland questioned the status of the grant with Taylor at NRPC. Dave will follow-up Clark.

**New Business:**

Screening ordinance was discussed.

Clark would like the Town Clerk's Office to print color copies of the newly updated Franklin Town Plan and the NRPC Energy Plan for all members.

Maps to be included in Town Plan were discussed.

Members discussed changing the Planning Commission meeting start time to 7:30 p.m. from 7:00 p.m. All members were in favor, monthly Planning Commission meeting time changed to 7:30 p.m.

The dam at Mill Pond was discussed.

The water system project was discussed. Source protection and water metering was discussed.

Clark Hubbard entered the meeting.

**Member Concerns:**

- Designated Village Center discussed and that it means as well as the area that it entails.
- Franklin Cemetery group disbanding and wants to turn it all over to the Town.

Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2017.

Judith/Dan made the motion to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
October 20, 2017  
Sara Rainville,  
Acting Secretary

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