

FINAL
TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT
MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, 11 February, 2019

- I. Call to Order - Chair, Nancy Heatley called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
Introductions: Howard Beach, Sven Fedorow (Land Use Administrator), Nancy Heatley, Paul Tillman, Michael Todd, Julia Lloyd Wright (Energy Coordinator, ex-officio)
Visitors: None
- II. Agenda Review - 11 February, 2019, no changes
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes - 28 January, 2019
A motion was made by Michael Todd to accept Minutes of 28 January, 2018 with corrections, seconded by Howard Beach. Voted: Unanimously.
- IV. Comments from Citizens - None
- V. Zoning Bylaw Updates
(a) Solar screening ordinance/bylaw & draft Enhanced Energy Plan
Discussion on proposed town sites for future preferred solar installations as a component of Weathersfield's Enhanced Energy Plan. Sven Fedorow cited the ongoing legal battles in Bennington involving large solar arrays and town/resident opposition to certain locations. Weathersfield has been asked to provide suitable sites for solar arrays and other energy systems to meet the future Department of Public Service Municipal Enhanced Energy Planning Standards.
Sven Fedorow drew up a list of considerations and commitments for Weathersfield contained on the draft plan. Following discussion it was agreed that the Planning Commission should consult with the selectboard regarding suggestions to hold a series of, maybe, three open 'question and answer' meetings around town so townspeople could participate. These would be advertised in local and social media.
Jason Rasmussen, Senior Planner at SWCRPC will attend the next Planning Commission meeting on February 28, 2019 to talk about his expertise on passing the Regional Energy Plan. Sven Fedorow will prepare a one-page sheet with questions for Jason Rasmussen and ideas for Weathersfield's plan. He will also prepare a draft for the selectboard with a synopsis of the Town Plan, solar installations and the need to get people's opinions before the town proceeds with its approval.
- VI. Agenda Items and Materials from prior Planning Commission meetings to continue on February 28, 2019
- (b) Airport Uses
 - (c) Village district bylaw
 - (d) Minimum lot size bylaw
 - (e) Conservation of Natural Resources bylaw
 - Agricultural Zoning
 - Places having unique ecological interest or value
 - Connecticut River
 - Pond construction
 - Steep slopes and high elevation
 - Streambank conservation
 - Wetlands
 - Damaged structures
- VII. Adjourn
A motion to adjourn at 8.55pm was made by Howard Beach, seconded by Michael Todd. Voted: Unanimously.