

Planning Commission
Martin Memorial Hall
5459 Rte 5 Ascutney, VT
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 24, 2022 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Members Present:

Paul Tillman, Online
Howard Beach, Online
Michael Todd, Online
Joseph Bublat, Online

Planning Commission Members Absent: Tyler Harwell

Online Attendees: Brandon Gulnick, Town Manager, Alex Taft, Ryan Gumbart, Jason Rasmussen

- 1.) Call to Order by Chair Howard Beach at 6:30pm
- 2.) Agenda Review – no changes
- 3.) Comments from the Chair and Land Use Administrator

None

- 4.) Comments from Citizens on items not on the agenda.

None

- 5.) Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2022

Paul Tillman made a motion to approve the minutes from 1-10-22 with corrections as needed.

Joseph Bublat– 2nd

Discussion – no further discussion

Vote – unanimous

Paul Tillman made a motion to move agenda item 8 “Energy Plan Discussion” to #6.

Michael Todd- 2nd

Vote -unanimous

- 6.) Energy Plan Discussion

Jason Rasmussen and Alex Taft provided maps to the Planning Commission for the following:

Weathersfield Forest Block Map
Weathersfield Solar Resources Map
Weathersfield Wind Resources Map

The maps are to be used as a resource. They show the prime and secondary options.

Jason Rasmussen let the commission know that there was some funding to help with the Energy Plan.

There was discussion regarding whether the Planning Commission wanted to have an Enhanced Energy Plan or if they wanted to have an Energy Chapter. The consensus of the Planning Commission was to have a more detailed Energy Chapter for the Town.

The Planning Commission will work with Jason and Alex to come up with a timeline.

7.) Procedural Checklists

Ryan Gumbart, Land Use Administrator put these together to use as a tool for himself as well as for the different boards and commissions.

Administrative Procedures
Planning Commission Procedures
Zoning Board Procedures

The idea behind these is to allow people to have everything they need prior to coming to a meeting so they do not have to attend multiple hearings. He shared

Paul Tillman shared his version of the Final Plat Checklist with the Planning Commission that had been previously shared with the former Land Use Administrator.

8.) Bylaw Project Update

The Planning Commission would like a list of bylaws that were passed by the Planning Commission but not approved by the Selectboard for review so they can get on the Agenda for a future Selectboard meeting to finalize the bylaws.

9.) Discussion of Items for Future Agenda

- Setbacks
- Energy Plan
- Requirements for non-permitted uses

10.) Any other business that can be legally discussed

None

11.) Adjourn

Paul Tillman made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm

Michael Todd – 2nd

No discussion

Vote - unanimous

Next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Martin Memorial Hall.

Respectfully,
Chauncie Tillman
Recording Secretary

Planning Commission

Howard Beach, Chair

Joseph Bublat, Chairperson

Tyler Harwell, Chairperson

Paul Tillman, Vice Chair

Michael Todd, Chairperson