

Shoreham Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2024 at 7 p.m. DRAFT

Attendees: Carrie Marini, Molly Kerr, Linda Larrabee, Tim Steady, Deb Pinkerton

Guest attendees:

Meeting started 7:04 pm

Agenda –

1. Public Comments-none
2. Review & approve minutes for 11/20/23 meetings.
 - a. Carrie moved to have the 11/20/23 minutes approved and Linda seconded. The minutes were approved by all.
3. Report on Unified Development Regulations and Bylaw Modernization
Grant status
 - a. Linda- currently waiting for treasurer report and corrected version for Unified Development Regulations. It will be done by 2/29/24.
4. Shoreham Town Energy Plan – Report from Linda on news from ACRPC. Deb will talk about her review, and we will discuss assignments and plans for moving forward.
 - a. Linda attended the regional planning meeting. They are trying to make it more concise so we can generate a template. Hoping we can view a draft in April.
 - b. MERP - \$4,000 and two assessments on Community Center and Firehouse approved.
 - c. Molly Francis from Selectboard is working with Jean Terwilliger from Cornwall on Climate Economy Action Center (CEAC) to work on our goals. Linda will be working Jean to test the process. This would be something a resident could get before going through Efficiency VT.
 - i. The \$4,000 we received from MERP will be given to CEAC to help develop this program.
 - ii. Linda will ask Molly Francis about funds being used to update our town website as we thought part of the \$4,000 included it. Also confirm the first step for heat loss will be free for all residents that wish to use it.
 - d. Deb- has reviewed the Town Energy Plan and made notes for the Planning Commission to review.
 - i. Page 9 – is there a way for the town to identify ways to take burden off homeowners for thermal energy.
 1. Tim said farms don't use much for heat as cows produce the heat.
 - ii. Page 12 – Public Transit – per Selectboard don't have enough need for a specific park and ride as there is one by the church already.
 - iii. Page 13 table 6A – vehicles needing to be run on renewable energy and offer charging areas, Plus provide opportunity for biking and walking.
 - iv. Page 19 – consider solar energy facilities range from 150kW to 5MW are starting to be constructed in neighboring towns.

- v. Page 26 – says Shoreham has an abundance of land to generate renewable energy.
 - e. Linda recommends holding off on any further review until we get new data from Regional Planning. Will start working on Energy plan along with Town plan but main focus will be town plan for now.
 - 5. Town Plan revision – discuss possibilities.
 - a. Need to review our goals and actions supports the goals. Also add Forrest Blocks.
 - 6. Other old business
 - a. Melita Bass went to the Selectboard regarding the states Municipal Technical Assistance grant to determine if there is enough land to pursue the Farnham Property project. Selectboard approved.
 - 7. New Business
 - a. Tim would prefer to change meetings from 3rd Monday each month to the 2nd Monday. Linda will check with town clerk.
 - b. Linda passed out State of VT – Guide to open meetings.

Molly made the motion to adjourn, and Linda seconded. The meeting ended at 8:15 PM.

Next regular meeting is 7:00 PM, Monday, March 18th, 2023 – Zoom & in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Kerr