

Town of Shoreham Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes- Draft

March 15th 2021 @ 7PM

Attendees: George Gross, Tim Steady, Barbara Bosworth, Molly Kerr, Linda Oaks, Linda Larrabee

Meeting started 7:04pm.

1. Linda L made the motion to accept the meeting minutes, George G seconded. No concerns or changes. Meeting minutes approved.
2. Public concerns - none
3. Elect Planning Commission officers:
 - a. Chair -Linda Oaks
 - i. Linda L moved, Tim seconded.
 - b. Vice Chair – Linda Larrabee
 - i. Tim moved, Linda O seconded.
 - ii. Barbara moved, no one seconded.
 - c. Clerk/Secretary – Molly Kerr
 - i. Tim moved, Linda L seconded.
4. Review and policy discussion of the draft *Shoreham Town Energy Plan (STEP) Energy Facility Land Use Policy* chapter, focusing on deciding what types and scales of energy facility infrastructure are permitted in each Planning District.
 - a. George revised the document after it had been reviewed by Adam Lougee and Ben Marks. Linda O had a question on 6-6 Electric Power Facility Permitted Planning Districts in the Step 6 Chapter regarding what is allowed. George G mentioned wind turbines and solar arrays. The Planning Commission would not be violating state law, unless there is a good reason that we misinterpreted the language.
 - b. Tim brought up the request for a condensed version of what was first presented. Since the meeting it appears to be split into two different chapters now. Tim asked if we need to consider starting over and complete this like Bristol and/or Salisbury.
 - i. Tim made a motion that the Planning Commission cease all development of the STEP (Shoreham Town Energy Plan) program to adopt a plan that will comply with the standards with an advanced energy plan to be approved. Linda L seconded. Tim's biggest concern is that the town will not accept this.
 - ii. George mentioned that we have seen litigation in this town in the past and this Chapter 6 is a mandatory document. It is important to know what acreage can be used for and it was written to protect this towns best interest.
 - iii. Linda O discussed how this seems to be written more towards the state and not specifically Shoreham town. Linda L mentioned how many members have a hard time reading this and the need to make it more reader friendly. We need to

explain to the world what we need here. We can't tell the PUC how to think and have ways to look at things, so Linda L is supporting Tim's motion.

- iv. Barbara brought up reading it multiple times to try and understand it. Can it be stated in a different way and be more effective to a general audience. Barbara wanted to know the difference between an Energy plan versus an Enhanced energy plan – Enhanced: write policies specific to your town within the PUC unless they find a substantial difference. Other towns were enhanced energy plans (Bristol & Salisbury). Some plans George has reviewed saw that they didn't clear the energy standard and approved by towns people, regional planning commission, PUC.
 - v. Linda O stated the regional office gave us standards along with the state guidelines.
 - vi. Linda O requested a vote. Barbara abstained, George voted no and all others approved.
 - vii. George will act as a consultant role. Linda L and Tim will begin the next process for the new enhanced energy plan (Introduction & Chapter 1). We will all review at the next meeting in April 2021.
5. Tim asked about the Farnham Property Task Force committee. Linda L discussed the team had a very productive meeting and met without Katie to see our next steps. 3/18/21 will be the next meeting and see what we hope is the last iteration of what can be developed and mail out a flyer to the Shoreham town residences to get their input. Sounds like other people from around the state are excited about this project.
6. Linda L made a motion to adjourn and Molly seconded.

Next meeting is April 19th, 2021