

BARRE TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 19, 2018

The Town of Barre Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the **Municipal Building**, 149 Websterville Road.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Clain, Debra Pierce, Cedric Sanborn (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Byron Atwood, Claire Duke, Charles Thygesen, Sr., Chris Violette

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Kimball

OTHERS PRESENT:

N/A

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Added to Agenda Item #5 - Review Reclassification of Surface Water

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Sanborn asked for a motion to approve the October 17, 2018 minutes.

A MOTION to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Clain. Mr. Violette seconded, and all accepted without further discussion.

Agenda Item 3 - **ENHANCED ENERGY PLAN**

Staff Comments of Chris Violette (December 14, 2018):

We will discuss a few options for file sharing and figure out how to move forward so that we can get this moving along.

Additional Comments:

Mr. Violette indicated the Enhanced Energy Plan needs to be addressed and file sharing options have commenced. Discussion was held regarding such and narrowed down to two options. Ms. Kimball will provide the Commission members with a tutorial and instruction. The Commission will experiment before resorting to another option. The Planning Commission members are hoping to compile suggestions and edits in a timely manner to subsequently compile.

Agenda Item 4 - **OTHER**

Staff Comments of Chris Violette (December 14, 2018):

Discuss any questions or concerns related to this application.

Additional Comments:

Mr. Sanborn asked for commentary regarding Green Mountain Power's 248 Application. Mr. Violette indicated this is a sub-station upgrade initiative being implemented throughout the Central Vermont region.

Mr. Clain referred to the tax maps he asked Mr. Violette to provide. Mr. Violette explained the layout and 2-lots being incorporated into one to accommodate the new structure. Mr. Violette noted they are not subject to setbacks as they are not obtaining zoning permits. More review ensued which included: house lot next to sub-station lot, Green Mountain Power provided exhibits, rights-of-way to existing poles, road access, tree removal, temporary sub-station location, landscaping, containment, construction hours and potential traffic implications.

Mr. Violette will follow-up with Green Mountain Power with regards to merging the 2-lots into one, working hours in the residential neighborhood and minimal impact on traffic. He will report his findings to the Planning Commission members.

Staff Comments of Chris Violette (December 14, 2018):

The Barre Town, Town Plan, expires in May of 2019. It's time to begin the process of updating and rewriting if necessary. Plan to discuss how to proceed.

Additional Comments:

Mr. Violette indicated the Commission could address at their next meeting after utilizing the file share program. If found favorable, the members could proceed with such for the Town Plan Amendment review/edits. Mr. Violette explained it did not need an entire re-write, simply updates, and add new elements. Also, the Enhanced Energy Plan components could be incorporated into the Town Plan. Mr. Violette indicate “the Plan” will not need to be revisited for another 8-years after this revision but indeed necessary for Development Block Grants and Zoning.

Agenda Item 5 – **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Violette handed out copies of an email he received from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission regarding Reclassification of surface waters. It explained potential reclassifications for waters that are being identified as high quality for certain uses such as fishing, etc. Also, reclassifications for waters that are no longer used as public water supplies. Discussion was held about brooks within the Barre Town area that could be affected. The Planning Commission decided not to offer input.

Agenda Item 6 – **ROUND TABLE**

Mr. Violette indicated he heard from Ms. Duke who supported the minutes as presented. She was unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter. He also noted he will not be in attendance for the January 16, 2019 meeting due to a personal matter. He encouraged the Planning Commission to meet; however, reminded them, they would need a quorum to vote.

Agenda Item 7 - **ADJOURN**

A MOTION by Mr. Sanborn was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Pierce and voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kimball

Cedric Sanborn, Chair

George Clain

Debra Pierce

Chris Violette