

BARRE TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

The Town of Barre Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, July 25, 2018** beginning at 7:22 p.m. at the **Municipal Building**, 149 Websterville Road.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cedric Sanborn Debra Pierce
Chris Violette Claire Duke

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlie Thygesen Sr George Clain
Byron Atwood

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Violette

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the June 20, 2018 minutes was deferred to the August meeting because the draft had not been sent to commission members.

ENERGY PLAN:

No discussion this month, still working on the file sharing program.

FOLLOW-UP:

Public Utility Commission applications submitted:

Beckley Hill Solar (Washington County Mental Health)
Granview Solar (Washington County Mental Health)

The commission discussed the applications. Chris reminded members that both are the ones that were recently reviewed for preferred siting. While the commission agreed to preferred siting, it doesn't mean that concerns could not be raised. There were a few concerns raised during the preferred siting process. First, there was concern about stormwater runoff at both sites due to the elevation and terrain. Second, the decommissioning plan that is being proposed is insufficient. The commission would like to see a plan more in line with the Northern Power battery storage project. Chris will write a letter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Review letter of support for Lower Granitville Playground Rehabilitation Project.

Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager, has asked the Planning Commission to support a grant that is being applied for to improve the Granitville playground. Cedric noted that the improvements to the Trow Hill playground have done wonders for it, there are always people there now. The group agreed that having good neighborhood playground is good for the community.

On a motion by Chris Violette, seconded by Cedric Sanborn, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to support the grant application being submitted for improvements to the Graniteville playground.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Chris Violette, seconded by Debra Pierce, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of July 25, 2018 at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Violette

Cedric Sanborn, Chair

Byron Atwood

Charlie Thygesen Sr.

George Clain

Chris Violette

Claire Duke

Debra Pierce