

Town of Danville Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes; January 27th, 2022, 7:30 PM, Town Hall

Planning Commission Members:

Present: Glenn Herrin, Jeffrey Paquet, Vince Foy, Michael Hogue, Mark Nicholson

Absent: Catherine Whitehead

Quorum Present? Yes

Guests: Scott Burns, Brian Henderson, Rob Balivet

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairmen Glenn Herrin at 7:30 PM. Jeffrey Paquet agreed to serve as Secretary Pro tem in the absence of Catherine Whitehead.

Changes to the Published Agenda:

A motion was made by Glenn Herrin to move the discussion of the draft Town Enhanced Energy Plan before Public Comments. The motion was unanimously approved, and the agenda was amended.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were reviewed by the Commission members. Glenn Herrin proposed to amend the minutes to add Scott Burns, and Rob Balivet to the Guest attendee list. Vince Foy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of Draft Town Enhanced Energy Plan

Glenn Herrin invited Rob Balivet to open a discussion of the proposed Town Enhanced Energy Plan. As a member of the ad hoc Town Energy Committee, he was representing the Committee's interest in having feedback on the plan from members of the Planning Commission. The primary goals of the plan are to create a roadmap for the town that identifies how the town wants to produce and consume energy based on economic, social, and environmental values as expressed in the Town Plan. A primary benefit of the Enhanced Energy Plan is that it will qualify the Town to receive Substantial Deference by the Vermont Public Utilities Commission when the Commission is making public utility decisions that affect the Town of Danville. The siting of energy projects (solar, wind, hydro, etc.) as well as their scale

can have both positive and negative impacts and the plan will enable the Town to have a voice in the decision-making process.

Rob Balivet requested that Planning Commission members respond with individual input directly to the Committee. Glenn Herrin asked the Commission members to respond to Mr. Balivet by email prior to the next meeting on February 24, 2022.

Public Comment

There were not comments from the public.

Planning Commission Officer Nominations

After discussion among the Commission members present, it was agreed that the nominations were as follows:

Chairman: Glenn Herrin
Vice-Chair: Jeffrey Paquet
Secretary: Catherine Whitehead

Formal election will take place at the February 24, 2022, meeting.

Rules of Procedure

Glenn Herrin opened a discussion on the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure that require annual adoption. After some discussion, Glenn Herrin moved to adopt the Rules of Procedure as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

Train Station Committee

Michael Hogue gave a synopsis of the progress being made by the Train Station Committee. An RFQ for Architectural and Engineering Services has been published. The goal is to select and be working with a firm by March and commencing construction sometime in 2022 or in 2023.

Zoning Bylaw Updates

The planning commission finished its final proposed edits of the Town of Danville Zoning Bylaws with some final input from the Town Development Review Board that were present as guests, as well as a DRB member that had provided written input prior to the meeting. At the end of the exercise, Mark Nicholson moved to grant authority to Glenn Herrin to make the final proposed edits and finalized the proposed draft for distribution to the public and adjoining towns as required by Vermont State law. A public hearing on the proposed draft will be properly warned, and scheduled for February 24, 2022, at 6:00 PM EST at the Town Hall. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence and Additional Comments & Discussion

There was no correspondence for the Commission to review. There were no additional comments or discussion.

A motion by Glenn Herrin was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey T. Paquet, Secretary Pro tem