

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

MINUTES

SELECTBOARD TOWN PLAN DRAFT HEARING

Monday, May 23rd, 2016

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Robert Congdon, Jr, Clerk

Michael Klopchin, Chair

Arthur Knox

Daniel Pinkowski

Richard Wilbur

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT AT MEETING: Selectboard (5), Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, Planning Commission Chair Carol Geery, Planning Commission Clerk Gale LiCausi; Alf Strom-Oleson, Marjorie Southard, Cindy Davis. Barbara Noyes-Pulling from the Regional Planning Commission.

AGENDA CHANGES/DELETIONS: Alf Strom-Oleson stated that he disagreed with the way his testimony was portrayed in the May 9th Town Plan minutes; the Board Chair asked if there were any objections to adding the May 9th Town Plan Hearing minutes to the agenda, there were no objections; Selectman Wilbur abstained from voting, as he had not been present.

MAY 9th TOWN PLAN HEARING MINUTES: After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to change the description of Alf Strom-Oleson's testimony from "Mr. Strom-Oleson expressed his concern that the language in the plan was too proactive, and some of the language might be perceived as being biased against energy siting " to " Mr. Strom-Oleson expressed his concern that the language in the draft plan at the top of page 65 may be too restrictive to solar projects under 150 kw; the planning commission chair clarified the details that it only affects projects over 150 kw and referenced the draft plan back to page 63", to be approved at the Regular Select Board meeting to immediately follow the hearing. The Board Chair asked the Planning Commission Chair her opinion, she stated point of order concerns with the public changing minutes, but was agreeable to the change. The Selectboard's clerk's duties were also discussed and clarified, as well as what needs to be contained in the minutes.

DISCUSSION ON TOWN PLAN DRAFT: The Board Chair reviewed the amount and quality of discussion that had gone into the Town Plan Draft, and asked for a motion to accept the Town Plan for discussion. Selectman Knox so motioned, and expressed his concerns over the Town Plan's effect on potential development and the State's level of control over Town affairs; Selectman Knox also applauded the Planning Commission on their work. Selectman Congdon seconded the motion and concurred with Selectman Knox; Selectman Congdon spoke to the amount and quality of discussion and compromise that had gone into the Town Plan Draft. The Board Chair agreed, and expressed his satisfaction in the Plan. Selectman Wilbur stated that he would refrain from input, as personal matters had kept him from fully participating in the process.

The Planning Commission Chair advised the Board to a point of order that Public comment needed to be taken, and the hearing needed to be closed, and the draft approved at the next regular Selectboard meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENT AS RECOGNIZED BY CHAIR: There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO PLAN: Selectman Pinkowski stated his desire to see a final draft containing all the changes before he voted to approve it. The Board agreed, and Selectman Congdon recommended Selectman Knox amend his former motion to state that the Board approved the changes made, and approve the plan two weeks hence at the next Selectboard meeting. Selectman Knox so amended his motion, Selectman Congdon seconded the amended motion, the motion carried unopposed.

Selectman Knox asked when the plan would go into effect, it was clarified that the plan would go into effect when the Selectboard officially approved and adopted the Plan.

The Planning Commission Chair requested clarification on changes made to the last paragraph on page 9, whether or not the entire paragraph was removed; the Board advised that only the reference to the number of Village Centers had been removed.

Alf Strom-Oleson advised doing a red-line version of the Town Plan Draft for the Board to review.

The Board requested that the final version of the Plan be sent via email to save paper.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:23 p.m., Selectman Knox motioned to adjourn the hearing, Selectman Congdon seconded, the motion carried unopposed.

SIGNED: _____ Michael Klopchin, Chair /s

SIGNED: _____ Robert Congdon, Jr., Clerk/s

These minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Heather Kent, Administrative Assistant, and were approved on June 13th, 2016