

The meeting came to order at 6 pm. Present were commissioners Mike Foley, Naomi Miller, and Mike Cichanowski; Select Board chair Tim Scoggins; BCRC regional planner Michael Batcher; and zoning administrator Shelly Stiles.

Ms. Miller moved to approve the July 2 minutes. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

Draft Town Plan review:

- 1) It was agreed that the existing Chapter 2 would be replaced with a readable compilation of all the goals, policies, and actions from the entire document.
- 2) It was agreed to format the document by grouping goals, policies, actions and discussion according to topic (e.g. public buildings, water and wastewater).
- 3) It was agreed that the maps will be placed at the end of the document. Mr. Batcher will prepare a summary of the source materials for each.
- 4) Mr. Batcher has summarized some text in map format.
- 5) Bill Colvin's comments were discussed. Ms. Stiles will make the changes as agreed upon.
- 6) Mr. Batcher summarized the town's existing site by site establishment of preferred solar sites. He would like to put the renewable energy source maps back in the plan with an explanation of each. It could be of assistance to those seeking to site solar facilities.
- 7) Mr. Foley said that if the State already has goals for energy, it should be up to them to monitor progress made toward meeting them.
- 8) Mr. Foley said he is very much in favor of actions such as "promote" and "educate." Ms. Stiles said the zoning administrator should consider the Town Plan her work plan, and could "promote" and "educate" on behalf of the PC.
- 9) Ms. Miller expressed a concern with the Select Board's involvement through Mr. Scoggins's participation in the creation of the draft Plan, and wondered whether it wouldn't be a more efficient process and one offering a greater opportunity for public input if the PC were to prepare its Plan and the SB were to present its take on that document for public review. She said the group kept going round and round about what the PC wanted versus what the SB wanted, when those decisions should be made instead in two separate public forums. Mr. Scoggins said he thought it behooved the PC and the SB to try to work through its disagreements. Ms. Miller reiterated that such "work" should be done in a more formal public setting.
- 10) Rob Constantino is the chair of the new energy committee. It has assigned itself as its first task a review of energy efficiency at Cole Hall.
- 11) Ms. Stiles will make changes suggested by Mr. Batcher's June 28 memo to the PC as follows:
 - a. Language re attracting younger population will be finessed. Mr. Scoggins pointed out that any increase in population, no matter the cohort, is a positive change.
 - b. The discussion of businesses will be reduced to more of a list. Reference to an arts economy will be kept. It will be noted that census data on in-town businesses contain errors.
 - c. Where Town action is required by state statute, as in Act 171's requirement re forest fragmentation language, the statute will be referenced.
 - d. A description of why Village Center designation is important will be added.
 - e. A reference to the National Trust will be changed. Mr. Batcher will make a map of the historic district.

- f. The Planning Commission was in favor of adding language regarding roads. Mr. Batcher will shorten his proposed addition (item 20 in his memo).
- g. Regarding reference to open space subdivisions, Ms. Stiles will insert language suggesting the PC consider preparing a bylaw to authorize the Development Review Board to require them in certain situations.
- h. Policy 3.2 (regarding bringing working families to town) could be incorporated in a goal statement.
- i. Ms. Stiles will begin to use “track changes” in her editing. (Some chapters have already been edited without using that feature. There the PC will have to refer to the July 2 version or to Stiles’ June 25 markup to learn what changes were made.)

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:58 pm.

Notes by ZA Stiles.