

Shaftsbury Planning Commission
January 22, 2019

The meeting came to order at 6 p.m. Present were commissioners Chris Williams (chair), Naomi Miller, Mike Foley, and Mike Cichanowski. Also present was zoning administrator Shelly Stiles.

Mr. Foley moved to approve the January 8 minutes. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Foley asked that a phrase under bullet number four on page one beginning "said the members should..." be changed to "follow the state's required elements." The minutes as amended were approved 4-0-0.

The commission turned to working on town plan revisions.

- Mr. Williams will send Mr. Cichanowski a digital version of Chapter 2 and his notes from a conversation with Brian Lent from Dailey's.
- The members agreed to move chapter 4, History, to an appendix. (It will be left as is as a place holder for the time being.)
- Mr. Cichanowski will ask the highway foreman for his suggestions re policies and actions for the Transportation section. Reference to requiring one access road for residential subdivisions will be made. Some discussion of electric vehicles will be included.
- The Transportation chapter will recognize the contributions of the Select Board and the citizens in securing a new town garage. Similarly, in the Energy section the role of the Select Board in consulting with Efficiency VT to construct an energy efficient garage will be noted.
- In Transportation, an action will be included: redevelop the former town garage site into a pleasing downtown amenity. (The removal of exhaust-spewing, noisy trucks from the village and the school neighborhood will themselves be a great improvement.)
- Mr. Cichanowski will add "add an energy charging station" to the Transportation section.
- Mr. Williams will share with Mr. Cichanowski his interview with Jim McGinnis.
- Re the education section, the members discussed the school's policy regarding tuitioning in students. Mr. Cichanowski will get more information on this from Principal Johnson.
- Mr. Cichanowski will discuss Act 46 in that chapter.
- He will update the description of the school facility, which has been significantly renovated.
- Mr. Cichanowski will verify the Red Brick Center attendance numbers.
- Mr. Foley will write the Recreation section.
- In the Economy section, Mr. Foley may list employers in order of the number of employees they have.
- Mr. Foley will add arts and education to the Economy section.
- For the Energy section, Ms. Miller suggested adding "encourage greater use of local products."
- The members discussed wood heat – processing pellets is energy intensive, transporting fuels reduces their efficiencies, loggers and chips/firewood, the chip boiler at Applegate.
- Add a "closed circle" discussion of cold climate heat pumps plus solar panels.

Everyone agreed that a 6 p.m. start time works.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 12.

Notes by ZA Stiles.