



Village of Manchester, Vermont

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission Held on the 19th day of May 2021.

Members Present: Chair Audrey Kolloff, Vice-Chair Richard Heilemann, Renee Waller, Jock Lawrason

Member(s) Absent: Anthony MacLaurin, Lu French

Others Present: Catherine Bryars, BCRC, Mark Anders, BCRC, Jim Hand, Beth Boepple, Orland Campbell, Trustee President, Eric Scott, Administrative Officer and PC Clerk

Chair Audrey Kolloff called the meeting to order at 11:32 A.M.

Minutes:

Approve the draft minutes of the April 21, 2021, meeting.

On a motion by Waller, seconded by Lawrason, the Planning Commission voted to approve the draft minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Business:

Kickoff for the MPG project - Mark Anders, BCRC,

Mr. Anders presented a timeline for the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). The short discussion focused on the planned public input meetings. The first meeting is proposed for the week of July 12, in the early evening and the second meeting was proposed to be in September or October 2021. The MPG must be completed by end 2021. Chair Kolloff will investigate an appropriate setting for the July meeting,

Ms. Boepple representing the owners of the Equinox Resort and several other buildings in the study area asked how the recommendations in the report will be implemented. Anders acknowledged that most of buildings are privately owned and the report's recommendations would only be recommendations.

Discuss and finalize an updated "preferred site" map for the draft Energy Chapter,

Kolloff and Bryars led the continuing discussion of preferred sites. There was a bit of discussion attempting to define a preferred site. Bryars explained the draft listed situations that would constitute a preferred site status, but in other sections the draft states that a preferred site would only accommodate commercial or utility arrays (>150kW). Chair Kolloff stated that she would send to the Commissioners a new draft preferred site map indicating 8-10 more parcels to consider.

A quick review of the recent BCRC annual Planning and Zoning Workshop.

Chair and Co-Chair Kolloff and Heilemann attended virtually BCRC's annual workshop and reported on two topics they thought were most important. Kolloff reviewed her notes on topics Transparency and Conflict of Interest.

Other Business:

Bryars asked that the regular BCRC Municipal Consultation be on the next regular meeting agenda (June 16).

Commissioner Lawrason announced that he will be stepping down from the Planning Commission this fall.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.