

TOWN of PROCTOR, VERMONT

Special/Regular Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2019

Planning Commission / Economic Development Committee

Members present -- R. Horner (Chair), M. Gilligan, D. Christie, R. Beyette (6:10 p.m.), R. Coons (6:12 p.m.)

Guests --- Amanda O'Connor (RRPC), Mr. O'Connor, Devon Neary (RRPC), and Russell Jones (the Brandon Reporter)

At 6:02 p.m. Dick Horner began the meeting. Only 3 members were present: Mary Gilligan, Dick Horner and Dale Christie. A quorum was not present.

Amanda spoke of Barbara's draft letter to landowners that may be involved with potential solar installation sites. A copy was distributed to the board.

Dick informed everyone there will be no August Planning Commission meeting.

September 12th @ 6 p.m., at the Library will be the next meeting.

Amanda spoke of advertising for the meeting to get some attendance and suggested sending a postcard reminder to landowners as well.

Ray Beyette arrived at 6:10 p.m. Official meeting began at that time.

Copies of the draft municipal plan that were recently completed by Amanda were distributed to the board for review.

Amanda asked the board to reorder the chapters in order of importance so some are focused upon first.

Dick reviewed the full draft and shared notes with Amanda related to his suggestions and comments. Amanda took a photo of his notes.

Amanda said the photos may not be included because the resolution was too low. Dale told her he has higher resolution files and will provide them to her.

Devon spoke about the transportation segment of the town plan draft. He wants to meet with Stan Wilbur, John Corliss and Bruce Baccie to discuss the next 4-5 years of goals for the town. He also suggested to the board that the number of action items in the draft be reduced. Dick asked Devon about what the plan could include to make it more friendly to having parking available for big events at Franklins or other places. Dale suggested exploring options for stripping or signature changes to the downtown area to qualify more potential parking places. Devon asked group to review action items in the transportation section.

A discussion was had about the next round of community development grants that are due in September. Amanda would look into whether or not we'd be eligible for them. Dick asked for suggestions on what to do. Amanda suggested connectivity or business friendly projects.

RRPC group left at 6:50 p.m. and said they would share updates to the town plan draft as they are made.

Zoning report by Bob Coons -. 9 permits currently. Bob got reports of work being done without permits and investigated. Decks were being added with landowners stating that they were told they didn't need one if the deck wasn't attached to the house. Bob asked who told them that and wasn't told who. Permits are needed for all decks. Bob reviewed all 9 permits.

Group discussion was made and agreement made to not pursue development grants for 2020 as they are due September 5th and the group would not be ready even if they are eligible.

Economic Development: No activity or discussion.

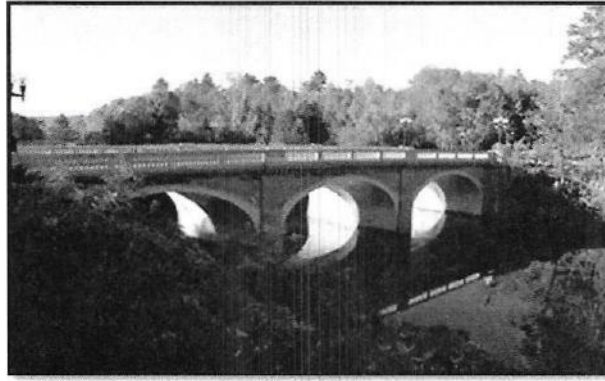
New or old business: no discussion

Group discussed town office renovation and tasting room to open at the marble exhibit.

Move to adjourn by Dick Horner, seconded by Mary Gilligan.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Sept. 12
Land owner
meeting



Message from the Proctor Planning Commission

Come Join Us for a Conversation on Renewable Energy Generation in Proctor

The Proctor Planning Commission is updating the town plan's energy section and you're invited to an informational meeting on June 3, 2019, at 6:00 pm at the Proctor Town Offices. Come join your neighbors and the Planning Commission to discuss the new draft energy section and let us know your thoughts about how Proctor can help meet Vermont's goal of reaching 90 percent renewable energy by 2050. We'll also discuss "preferred" and "non-preferred" renewable energy sites, or where and where not to put these projects in our town.

What's a preferred site? We're looking for fields hidden from view, old quarries, gravel pits, disturbed areas, and parking lots. A **non-preferred site** would be those areas of town that we want to preserve as is.

Why are we doing this? Because we want to preserve Proctor's charming look and feel. Yes, we want to be part of the state's renewable energy goal, but we want to direct this growth in ways that preserve the natural beauty around us and benefit the town and its residents.

All residents are encouraged to join us since this is an opportunity to share thoughts and learn more about the energy plan. If you have any questions, please contact me, Dick Horner, at

Thanks so much!

Dick
Dick Horner
from the Proctor Planning Commission
Town of Proctor Meeting on June 12