

**Town of Proctor**  
**Planning Commission/Economic Development Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Town Office Meeting Room**

**Board Members Present**

Dale Christie  
Tom Hogan  
Carol Protivansky  
Tom Doty  
Phil Anderson

**Other Present**

Michael Ramsey (Town Manager/Interim Zoning Administrator)  
Barbara Noyes Pulling (Senior Planner, RRPC)

6:00PM Meeting called to order by Carol Protivansky

**Review & Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve Agenda made by Tom Hogan; Seconded by Dale Christie  
Motion passed unanimously

**Review & Approve Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve Minutes from 04.07.22 made by Tom Hogan; Seconded by Dale Christie  
Motion passed unanimously

**Public Comments**

None

**Enhanced Energy Plan Review**

-Barbara Noyes Pulling briefly went over the contents of the town's enhanced energy plan and discussed options to promote energy resiliency and decrease the towns carbon footprint. She pointed out that Proctor has produced little, if no change in meeting state energy goals, and the commission should consider creating an energy committee to strategize and implement existing performance goals found in the 2020 Municipal Plan.

-Phil Anderson and Tom Doty suggested that the town look at alternative sources for energy. Mr. Anderson expressed concern over existing infrastructure and resources used for energy production. He went on to posit that alcohol production and other renewable resources are a viable option to meet the community's needs. Tom Doty proposed the idea of installing small

scale turbines along the Beaver Pond box-culvert that is scheduled to be inspected and repaired in the next five years, in accordance to the towns LHMP.

-Tom Hogan asked Mrs. Noyes Pulling if there was a funding source for charging stations. She replied that GMP may be a good contact for those types of inquiries.

-Carol Protivansky suggested that the group stay current on energy bills passing through the legislature so that any further actions from the commission are made in a well-informed manner.

### **Zoning Admin Report**

-Mr. Ramsey reported that two zoning permits were issued post the 15-day appeal deadline. He added that two more applications were received mid-construction of the projects and are now in the public appeal phase of review.

-Mr. Ramsey stated that carrying out the tasks of zoning administrator has been a fruitful learning experience, but the extra duty has been pulling his focus away from executive level tasks. He will gladly finish out the summer while the planning commission helps with the search for a new administrator. Consensus of the group is obliged for his service to the commission.

### **Economic Development**

-Mr. Ramsey reported that the VCDP application for Zion Growers was submitted. The town should have an award decision in June.

-Mr. Ramsey suggested that the town not only focus on recruiting new business, but celebrating those existing inside of town. His idea was to ask residents on an annual basis to vote on their favorite business and present the winner with an award. Dale Christie suggested that the commission research methods to promote economic development and return with suggestions at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

-The commission will review the 2020 Municipal Plan found on the town's website under the "Planning Commission" menu bar. After further review, the commission will discuss the idea of establishing an energy committee.

-Mr. Christie requested that Mr. Ramsey assemble a new member packet for Mr. Anderson.

### **Other/Informative**

#### **Adjourn**

D. Christie motion to adjourn

T. Hogan 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion passed unanimously.