

RPC_Minutes_2019.12.3

Planning Commission Members Present:

Stuart Levasseur
Geo Honigford
Jim Rikert
Sarah Danly
Nell Gwin
Bushrod Powers
Roni Johnson

Other Attendees:

Jeannie Oliver (VLS Energy Clinic)
Kevin Jones (VLS Energy Clinic)
Max Matt (VLS Energy Clinic)
Veronica Ung Kono (VLS Energy Clinic)
Dylan Gillis (VLS Energy Clinic)
Jasdeep Khaira (VLS Energy Clinic)

Meeting Minutes:

VLS Energy Clinic

- Faculty and students from the Vermont Law School Energy Clinic presented (before a quorum was reached and the meeting officially called to order) the draft of a joint letter of support for a community solar project at Putting Down Roots farm with the request for the PC to sign the letter of support in addition to the Selectboard and Regional Planning Commission. Having this letter of support enables the project to be considered a preferred site which allows for positive treatment under net metering rules; without this letter the project would not be financially viable.

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by Stuart Levasseur, Chair.

VLS Energy Clinic (continued)

- This project had previously been presented to the Planning Commission at an earlier stage as well. The PC members reviewed the materials presented by the Clinic, including letters from adjoining property owners, and asked several clarifying questions. The PC members discussed briefly but decided that members should visit the site in question before making a final decision.
- The PC will vote on the joint letter of support at the January meeting.

Update on Floodplain Zoning Question

- The group discussed the desire to host a public meeting about a propose change to the floodplain ordinance, determined that the process will not be attempted in time to include the results in the Town Plan, but instead that the process will begin after the Town Plan approval

process is complete. The PC will call a normal meeting and post in paper, normal channels, specifying in the outreach that if you live in such locations in town it could affect you.

- Geo can draft language for this advertisement.
- Because this meeting will not happen before Town Meeting, there is also potential to print a paper notice to include in the Town Report.

Bushrod Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting and Roni Johnson seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.