

RPC_Minutes_2020.01.07

Planning Commission Members Present:

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

Other Attendees:

Patrick Dakin, prospective member

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm by Stuart Levasseur, Chair.

Solar Project

- At the previous (December 3, 2019) PC meeting, the VLS Energy Clinic had asked the PC to sign a joint letter of support for a community solar project at Putting Down Roots Farm and had answered questions and provided documentation to the PC. Since then, PC members had visited the site.
- Bushrod Powers moved to approve the letter as written, Jim Rikert seconded. The PC voted in favor. Stuart Levasseur will sign the letter.

Prospective new member

- Patrick Dakin, a prospective new member for the empty seat, attended to meet the PC before going to SB to ask to be appointed.
- Patrick expressed personal interest in contributing to the town and explained his background with the White River Partnership board, Royalton Conservation Commission, Upper Valley Land Trust, and the state current use program.
- Bushrod Powers moved to support his application, Nell seconded, and all voted in favor. The PC recommends his appointment.

Driveway permit:

- The PC discussed DP 19-04. While the PC members noted the steepness they acknowledge the lack of options for better placement; the application meets the minimum required width.
- Bushrod Powers moved to approve the permit, Jim Rikert seconded, and the PC voted to approve the permit.

Scheduling:

- Stuart Levasseur noted two upcoming meetings with the Selectboard to serve as the required hearings about the Town Plan, on the 14th and 28th.

Minutes:

- Jim Rikert motioned to approve the November minutes, Roni Johnson seconded, minutes approved as posted.

Letter for the town report:

- Stuart Levasseur provided a draft of the PC letter for the Town Report and the PC provided two suggestions for additions:
 - To check whether Stuart Levasseur became Chair within the year in question
 - To add the application for a grant from the Vermont Arts Council even though it was not ultimately awarded.

Floodplain Regulations:

- The PC agreed to wait to host a meeting and public outreach about new floodplain regulations until after the town plan approval process is complete.
- The PC noted that it does not require permission from the Selectboard to have a public hearing but the PC would prefer it.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.