

Starksboro Planning Commission

February 23, 2023

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**Board members present:** Dennis Casey, Dan Nugent, David Schmidt, Jeff Keeney, Brad Boss, Denny Barnard, Lexy Thompson

**Others present:** none

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6:31 Denny C. Called meeting to order

Discussion on S.5 Affordable Heat Act. Denny B compared costs of electric heat vs oil at 1000 btu equivalent. Electricity was 7.3 times more per 1000 btu.

Discussion on the town water supply and why the state would not allow growth back in the early 2000s. What would it take to readdress expansion of current water supply?

Town meeting - what needs to be addressed to segway into changes in zoning changes?

- Revisit surveys - what do the townsfolk want to see?
- Who are we? What have we done? What are we going to do in the coming year?
- School issues
- Upgrading town water system
- Upgrading electric power infrastructure
- Reviewing Zoning Regs to encourage development
- The new pavilion
- Energy concerns and mobile homes

Denny C gave a brief library update - septic and parking issues

- Further discussion on new zoning districts and potential boundaries associated with such.
  - Recreational Opportunity District (ROD)
  - Zoning Regs - Look at areas for 400' extension in FC areas (RODs).
  - + Formulate questions for meeting with Legislators (Mar 16)
  - + Work on Item 6 above.
- Review of road notes and additional standards.

Approve minutes of 2/2/23 - Denny B made a motion, Brad approved.

Agenda for 3/2 -

- Define ROD
- Review lot sizes
- Statement for town meeting
- Questions for legislature

Jeff motion to adjourn 9:12 Dan second

Respectfully submitted,  
David Schmidt, Denny Barnard, Lexy Thompson