

Town of Starksboro
Planning Commission meeting
May 17, 2018 minutes
Unapproved

Present: Denny Barnard, Dennis Casey, Norm Cota, Dan Harris, Jeff Keeney, Dan Nugent

Others present: Rebecca Elder (ZA)

Unable to attend: Hugh Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dennis Casey.

Minutes of 5/3/17

Motion: Jeff Keeney moved and Dan Nugent seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 5/3/17.

Vote: All in favor (6/0)

Denny Casey welcomed new board member Denny Barnard, who was elected to the PC in March. This was his first meeting.

Town Plan Hearing planning

- The hearing will take place on June 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Robinson Elementary school. Notices will be posted around town, in the Gazette, in the Addison Independent, and a postcard sent to all residents.
- Rebecca presented some language for the calendar and the website announcement regarding the Town Plan. The board reviewed and discussed.
- Brandy Saxton also wrote a summary report that will be available at the hearing.
- Land Use Regs were voted in Sept. 2016. The board has worked on this Town Plan for 18 months.
- Board agreed on the event announcement with one minor language change.
- The group discussed what sorts of questions might be asked at the hearing. In particular, folks will ask what was changed. It is important to note areas of any significant change and continue to explain that this was not a major revision but was necessary to meet state requirements. Most significant change is the addition of the energy plan appendix.
 - PC enhanced our energy plan to allow for future opportunity. Targets/projections set based on Act 56.
- Community survey and Ag survey – have these on hand for the hearing.
- Jeff: we will entertain questions about the plan but the hearing is not the time to explain the entire plan. It is an opportunity for the public to give comment.
- Dan H: Suggested having a list all the goals, policies, objectives together with the topic it pertains to. Perhaps color coding to help with quick identification of major categories (Ag, Nat Resources, Forest frag, Energy)
- Goals – 35 of them; have list available.
- Energy Plan – likely to get comments; take notes and decide whether to make changes.
- Have at least 20 copies at the hearing
- Rebecca can test AV at the school to see if the maps will look ok and determine if we want to use or just have printed large format maps. Lighting?
- Large format maps from the energy plan

- Rebecca will send ag survey responses and community survey responses to the group for reference.
- Ask the Energy Comm to submit their questions and comments ahead of time so we can address at the hearing.

The Planning Commission's next meeting is on 6/7/18.

Motion to adjourn: Norm Cota moved and Denny Barnard seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Vote: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder
Zoning Administrator

Approved: _____

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