

Peacham Energy Committee

Minutes: August 5, 2019

Present:

Jock Gill
Bruce Westcott
Mary Daly
Tom Bryer
Daniel OBrien

Guests:

Alison Low, NVDA
Bruce MaClean, (Pending) Peacham Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM

Approval of July 2019 meeting minutes postponed until August 2019 meeting.

No correspondence to review.

No public input to review.

No additions to agenda.

No old business pending.

Alison Low from NVDA joined the meeting to help explain the relationship between the Peacham Planning Commission and the Energy Committee with respect to the new town plan and the section on energy. The Energy Committee will be providing recommendations on an energy plan to the Peacham Planning Commission with the goal of having an energy plan completed for their review prior to town meeting 2020.

There was discussion and guidance from Alison on the what the energy plan can address along with the zoning regulations that must be consistent with the town plan. She indicated that you can not discriminate against large scale renewables if the town allows other types of large scale development. Section 248 of Title 30 V.S.A. was mentioned as the authority governing energy related development through the Vermont Public Service Commission oversight.

It was agreed that a memorandum of understanding between the Energy Committee and the Peacham Planning Commission be drafted to formalize the relationship between the two. Alison will write the draft document for Energy Committee to review.

Discussion followed which indicated the need to prioritize and more clearly focus the scope and activities of the Energy Committee. The need to avoid topics and areas which the Committee cannot control and work on topics which can have a more immediate impact such as house weatherization and transportation. It was agreed that a Mission Statement be developed as a start to defining what the Energy Committee purpose really is. Jock and Daniel will draft a statement to be emailed to members.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM.

