

TOWN OF PEACHAM PLANNING COMMISSION
PO Box 244, Peacham, Vermont 05862

Unapproved minutes of December 10, 2019 meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Planning Commission in the Town Hall conference room was called to order at 7:18 pm by acting chairperson Jock Gill.

Also present were commission members Marilyn Magnus, Brice Maclean, and Rick Scholes.

A motion to approve the proposed agenda was made, seconded, and passed.

No public comments were received.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made, seconded, and passed. Rick Scholes abstained.

Recently received correspondence was reviewed. A waste water permit application was referred to the Zoning Administrator.

The Select Board has appointed a new alternate member, Tyler LaFontaine, a student at Vermont Technical College. There was discussion about contacts with possible new members.

The time and day of Planning Commission meetings was discussed. A motion to approve a new meeting time was made, seconded, and passed. "The regularly scheduled meetings of the Town of Peacham Planning Commission will in the future be held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Peacham town hall beginning at 6:30 pm."

There was discussion about the proposed Town Energy Plan which, when completed, will be incorporated into the Town Plan. Rick will send his mark up of the Plan to Jock and Marilyn.

Jock wants Peacham to have enough renewable energy creation capability to allow Peacham to be a self-sufficient "energy island" if the electric transmission grid fails. This is now technically feasible but costly. This cost is decreasing but the need will increase with increased use of electric vehicles and the adoption of heat pump for residential heating.

State-wide energy use is increasing in spite of population remaining stable or decreasing.

Possible methods of communicating this to town residents were discussed. The Energy Committee intends to do a mailing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed. Jock declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Rick Scholes
acting secretary