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TOWN OF PEACHAM

Planning Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Town Offices Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Present: Jock Gill, Marilyn Magnus, Tyler LaFontaine, Rick Scholes, Anna Rubin, Bruce MacLean

No public present

1. Jock Gill called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM
2. Minutes for December 2019 meeting were reviewed. Bruce MacLean corrected the spelling of his name, "Bruce". Marilyn Magnus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Bruce MacLean seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
3. No public input
4. No additional business
5. No old business
6. Jock Gill called for comments on the latest draft of the Peacham Advanced Energy Plan prepared by Alison Low at Northeastern Vermont Development Association. Discussion followed about the purpose and scope of the document. Rich Scholes questioned the language and premise of the document. Jock Gill indicated that comments from the committee should be submitted by Feb 3. He asked for written comments by Jan 21. Discussion followed about the importance of articulating a community-based energy policy, to be added to the Peacham Town Plan. Questions were raised by several members about best methods of communicating with and engaging Peacham residents on energy issues. Discussion followed focused on local power generation, local storage capacity, and the potential for Peacham to become an "energy island".
7. Jock Gill asked committee members to prepare for and attend the meeting with Green Mountain Power on Tues, Jan 15. This meeting will allow residents to ask questions and gather information about a GMP project at the Peacham Elementary School.
8. Jock Gill presented an article for discussion: Deep Adaptation. This article focuses on adaptations to climate changes and a vision for the future. Discussion followed about individual energy consumption. Marilyn Magnus moved to **"establish a community drive to replace dairy farmers' bar fluorescent lighting with LED fixtures and investigate funding options through Efficiency Vermont."** Jock Gill seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Jock Gill will bring the motion to the Peacham Selectboard. Committee members discussed contacting Peacham farms with barn lighting.
9. Next meeting: Tues, Feb 11, 6:30 PM
10. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Rubin, 1/17/20