



Minutes for Town of Pawlet Planning Commission
Pawlet Town Office
Pawlet, VT
Monday, September 28, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Members Attending:

Wayne Clarke
Gary Baierlein
Lenny Gibson
Eric Mach
Harry Van Meter

Members Absent:

Paul Elsholz

Others Attending:

Barbara Noyes Pulling, Rutland Regional Planning Commission
Elizabeth Gibson, Pawlet
Frank Nelson, West Pawlet
Ed Cleveland, Pawlet
Fred Stone, Pawlet
Chuck Weeden, Pawlet

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Item 1: Meeting Agenda

Harry made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; Wayne seconded; motion passed.

Item 2: Minutes of August 24 and September 14 Meetings

Regarding the August 24 meeting, Fred asked to add to the minutes that he had made a motion to have Barbara Noyes-Pulling do the editing of the Town Plan. Harry thought he might have seconded that motion, but it had not been passed. Harry moved to include this information in the minutes; Gary seconded, minutes approved with this addition.

Lenny moved to accept the September 14 meeting minutes, Wayne seconded, passed.

Item 3. Town Plan

The PPC went through the Town Plan draft that Barbara Noyes-Pulling had prepared. Barbara confirmed that she would keep track of the changes suggested during the meeting.

Wayne made a motion to include the agriculture summary that Fred Stone had prepared as a stand-alone section, Gary seconded, motion passed 3 to 2, with Gary, Wayne and Eric voting yes and Lenny and Harry voting no. (Harry opposed the motion because it didn't go far enough). This action reversed the vote taken by the PPC on this matter at its August 24 meeting, where it

had decided to include Fred's original write-up in the Town Plan as an Appendix, with additional subsections of agriculture imbedded in the relevant sections of the text.

Chuck Weeden said that the agriculture discussion should mention the Right to Farm law. Keith Mason commented that Right to Farm is a New York law, not a Vermont law. Lenny suggested that the Select Board could pass an ordinance regarding Right to Farm.

Other suggestions and comments:

- Lenny suggested that the photo of the sycamore forest on page 5 be moved to the conservation section, where the sycamore forest is referred to.
- Recommendations for the energy group, page 8, remove the word "annually."
- Eric said that the pie chart in the energy section does not include biomass, but biomass is part of the green portion of that chart labeled as "all other fuels."
- Barbara suggested interspersing maps in the text, the group decided to keep all maps in the Appendix.
- Lenny pointed out that the Housing section was not the most recent version and said he would forward the most recent version to Barbara.
- The summary section on demographics is missing and should be added.

Harry asked that Barbara circulate the corrected copy of the Town Plan to the PPC two weeks prior to the next meeting so that everyone would have enough time to look it over.

Item 5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is the regular monthly meeting scheduled for October 26, 2015.

Harry moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, Lenny seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Gibson, Acting Clerk

Final Edit by Paul Elsholz