

Town of Sharon, Vermont
Planning Commission
Minutes
August 13, 2019 **DRAFT**

Commissioners Present: Peter Anderson, Ira Clark, Paul Kristensen, Sue Sellew (taking minutes)
Visitors: Ryan Haac

7:00PM Ira Clark convened the meeting

Minutes of July 9, 2019:

Motion by Sue Sellew, second by Ira Clark, to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019 with corrections. The motion carried.

DRB hearing minutes of June 11, 2019 re: Walter Radicioni

Planning Commissioners met at 7:15PM as the DRB in deliberative session. The DRB exited deliberative session at 7:30PM and the regular Planning Commission meeting was reconvened.

Regional Energy Coordinator Proposal

Nick Clark sent a proposal recommending himself in the position of Energy Coordinator for several TRORC towns. The position is to be funded by Efficiency Vermont. The funding for the project is questioned due to budget timing, but it might be useful to have a meeting to discuss it.

Energy Chapter of the Town Plan

Ryan Haac presented us with his draft of the Energy chapter for the revised Town Plan dated 2019-08-13. Ryan reiterated that the TRORC goal for Sharon was to identify 45 acres of land that could be used for solar power generation. We disputed the acreage required and Ryan will verify using data from existing commercial solar facilities. Using a TRORC map we identified several promising locations near 3-phase power lines. Ryan will have TRORC verify the total size of the parcels identified. Several may be eliminated in the future based on other factors, such as wetland, orientation, etc.

Town Plan Revisions/Planning Grant:

The Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) is due for consideration by September 30, 2019. Ira Clark revised section 4.1 for review. Sue Sellew will meet with the Selectboard on Monday, August 19, 2019 to discuss endorsing the FY20 Municipal Resolution for MPG committing the Town to the “matching” funds. It is possible they will be concerned that there is no specific funding figure in the resolution (which we understand to be \$1,000 of the Town’s money).

Adjournment:

Ira Clark made the motion to adjourn at 9:15PM. Paul Kristensen seconded. The motion carried.

Submitted by Sue Sellew