

Granville Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2016
Approved

In attendance: Judy Wood, Chair, Cheryl L. Sargeant, Secretary and Mary Falcon

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Public Communication: None presented

Old Business:

- Minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting were approved as amended with a motion made by Judy and seconded by Mary. All in favor none opposed.
- The plan to gather public opinion about amending the Town Plan through Survey Monkey was discarded. Judy suggested simply sending out the approved draft of the information page with a request for feedback added – by email or snail mail – to all on the Grand List. This one-way mailing is more affordable given the limited PC budget. But Judy will also check with the Town Clerk to see if that single page can be mailed out with the property tax bills. Either way, such a mailing would allow for open communication with all property owners rather than just the 30 – 40 residents on the Town listserv. Judy made the motion to approve this action and Mary seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- Discussed bill S.230/S.260 – signed into law as Act 174, “An act relating to improving the siting of energy projects” – which gives Vermont communities more influence in the Public Service Board’s adjudication of renewable energy project applications. Pursuant to the new statute, the Public Service Board and Regional Planning Commission must “certify” town plans as qualified for this “substantial deference.” However, while the Act is effective July 1, 2016, the PSB has yet to set forth the requirements for that certification and has until November 1 to do so.
- Chris Sargeant of Two Rivers is scheduled to come to our August 1st meeting to discuss potential updates to the Town Plan gleaned from the survey results.

New Business: None presented

Judy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. And Mary seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant, Secretary
Granville Planning Commission