

Granville Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2017

In attendance:

Judy Wood, Chair, Cheryl L. Sargeant, Secretary, Mary Falcon and Marilyn Dougherty

Sean Dougherty from the Public

Call to Order: 6:15 p.m.

**Communications:**

- Received an e-mail from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) informing the Planning Commission of an April 11<sup>th</sup> Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department workshop on BioFinder Mapping. GPC members may not be able to attend due to scheduling conflicts, but it was decided that Marilyn will contact Monica from the USFS about her offer (extended to Marilyn at an earlier workshop on large forest blocks) to conduct a wildlife/forest block survey of Granville.

**Old Business:**

- Minutes from the March 6, 2017 meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Mary and seconded by Cheryl. All in favor none opposed.
- Before addressing the listed agenda items, Judy asked that we reconsider the value and wisdom of amending the Town Plan to comply with Act 174 requirements for “certification” and “substantial deference”. After much discussion – including attempts at understanding the difference between the proffered “substantial deference” and the otherwise applied “due consideration” – it was decided that we would not pursue Act 174 “certification” at this time. The consensus was that providing an extensive list of ‘appropriate’ sites for commercial energy generation (which is one of the requirements for “certification”) could very well make Granville more susceptible to unwanted development.  
We decided to focus, instead, on amending the current Plan to incorporate the officially sanctioned “specific, directive language” that had been our initial aim prior to the enactment of Act 174. We also agreed to strengthen the Plan’s identification of *inappropriate* sites. Judy also suggested seeking adoption of an ordinance re energy facility siting as well. Mary made the motion to work on all of the above and Marilyn seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
- Judy will e-mail the list of sections of the town plan that we will be reviewing at our next meeting so that Mary may convert them to Word format for editing.

**New Business:** None.

Judy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. And Mary seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

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