

Burke Planning Commission December 18, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Present: Abigail Montgomery, Sean Montague, Valerie Desmarais, James Bentley

James called the meeting to order at 6:32.

Minutes from 11.20 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Abigail reported on the municipal tax situation: Kim Flynt from the VT Tax Department had volunteered to attend a selectboard meeting to discuss how municipal taxes work. The selectboard did not allow for this as the feeling is they are not ready to have a public discussion on this topic.

* How can we go forward with the municipal / luxury tax idea?

Abigail will check back with Kim Flynt to see if we can have an educational discussion at a planning commission meeting.

The PC then discussed local historical resources in relation to their unsuitability for any scale energy development. The following locations were identified:

- * Heritage sites
- * CCC Road / Burke Mountain
- *Mountain View Farm
- *Burke Green
- *Town Forest
- * Sugarbushes
- *Agricultural Land
- * Cemeteries
- * X-C Ski Trails
- * Pete's Pond

Valerie will check with Priscilla to see if there is an archive of Burke historical sites that is different than the historic register.

The PC then reviewed the solar resource with the goal of highlighting potential preferred sites.

- * South facing slopes off 114
- *Gravel Pits off Rt.5
- *Schools
- *Burke Mt. property not in the conservation overlay
- *Public Buildings / Town Office

James will edit the draft energy plan to include pictures and graphics.

No further work was done re: a "Burke Energy Committee" via the "One Burke" group.

Cynthia Stuart sought input for members of the Concord link bike grant via email. James recommends Colin Delong.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.