

## Burke Planning Commission January 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Guest: Kim Flynt: Business Tax Supervisor, State of Vermont

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Minutes from 12.18.19 were reviewed and approved.

Re: Burke historic cultural sites, Valerie reported that Priscilla Aldrich recommended Sam and Jason Sanderson as Burke historians, Val will follow up with Sam or / and Jason for more detail.

James generated the photos for the energy draft plan. Alison Lowe ( NVDA) will be invited to the Feb. 2019 meeting.

James gave an overview re: what is driving the exploration of a municipal tax; ultimately it is to help fund development that town residents can all agree on.

Kim Flynt gave an over view of what a local option tax is. She then got into the details of taxes collected in Burke for the 2018 fiscal year. There are sales and use taxes (6%), meals and rooms taxes ( 9%) and an alcohol tax (10%) collected by the state at this time.

Should a municipal tax be implemented, the money would go into the general fund.

Voter approval, a letter to the state and town by-laws all determine how to get to get this warned to the voters of Burke. James noted that he wants this process to be thorough and deliberate and that there is probably not time to have this idea ready for 2019.

There was no report on the Burke Energy Committee possibly being formed.

James will update the draft energy plan with photos and send out.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Desmarais