

Burke Planning Commission

July Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing for the Energy Plan draft / Amendment to Burke Town Plan

Present: Ford Hubbard Selectman

James Bentley, Sean Montague, Keith Clark, Valerie Desmarais

James gave an overview describing what is driving the amendment to the energy section of the town plan and our process to date.

We reviewed the comments from Irene Nagle, Senior Planner, NVDA . ( attached as a separate document)

Re: pg. 9...we note that is unlikely that all open agricultural fields of 5+ acres are identified; it is likely that there are other scenic resources that are yet to be identified.

Question for Alison: how do we get this information into the plan?

Re: pg. 10...to add under "solar siting criteria" that do not contradict state and local constraints to agricultural soils and open agricultural fields.

James made a motion to amend the utilization percentage to state that "at least 10%" of the solar energy be used on site.

Re: pg. 11...Can Alison please add a table that shows potential generation of ground mounted solar?

Re: pg.14...The village center designation is the issue here, can Alison add per the "8B pg.8" section of the municipal planning standard document?

Next Steps: Submit the amended document to the Sep. 9th Selectboard Meeting.

Motion to close the public hearing component of the Planning Commission was seconded and the hearing was concluded.

The Planning Commission approved the May Minutes.

James gave a timeline for his position as Chair of the P.C. He will stay on as necessary to complete the final acceptance of the draft energy plan into the Town Plan.

The June minutes were provisionally approved; Valerie will amend and remove Alison as a guest attendee.

The scheduled PC meeting for 08.20 is currently subject to a final review of the draft plan by Alison Lowe, NVDA.

Submitted, Valerie Desmarais