

Town of Burke
212 School Street
Planning Commission Minutes
March 8, 2018

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

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:36.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 02.08 meeting was unanimously accepted.

Abigail brought more grant info; **VTRANS** has several grants for transportation related improvements, most of these are due in April, 2018. **VT. ANR** has grants for recreation trails, motor and non motorized. **VTRANS** has grants for Transportation Alternative / Bike and Pedestrian facilities. **Northern Borders Regional Commission** has grants for Economic and Community Development. Many of these grants refer to improvements to "designated downtowns". Burke is classified as having "designated village center(s)".

A designated downtown status is a "traditional central business district / mixed use". Is this adequate for the purposes of submitting for these types of grants?

Abigail agreed to get the links to the grants out to the group for review. We agree that it would be helpful to have this information prior to the planning commission meetings going forward.

Abigail contacted Matt Amadon at VSP re: possibility of more police coverage (focus on East Burke). Their staff is "short" but she was encouraged to check back in April.

Abigail also contacted Selectman Darryel Corrow. Burke does have a Constable (Will Ware) he could be doing more enforcement, he would need more training. There are a lot of ramifications re: responsibility, accountability and liability for Will and the towns.

The group reviewed the **Municipal Energy Planning Standards** and discussed next steps relative to re-writing the town energy plan. This is a very large undertaking and we explored the rationales for this project:

- * To ensure an adequate energy supply
- * To ensure quality of life issues relative to energy siting
- * To update the town plan
- * To ensure a clean environment for future generations
- *To ensure that citizens have a voice and be empowered to join the conversation

Abigail motioned to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:30.