

Burke Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

Present: James Bentley, Abigail Montgomery, Valerie Desmarais

Guest: Alison Low: NVDA

Meeting brought to order at 6:34. The April minutes were provisionally approved, with James informing the group that he will stay on a Chairperson until August.

Alison handed out final changes to the draft energy plan. There is group consensus that the amendments to the plan be accepted.

Discussion ensued re: next steps.

* Copies of the draft plan need to be available to the public for at least 30 days prior to a warned public hearing.

*Email a copy of the plan to adjoining communities within this same 30 day period, along with report and Notice of Public Hearing. Alison will submit the report.

* We are looking at scheduling the first public hearing for late July, we will review the final plan at the next BPC meeting in June.

James will send a copy of the Zoning By Laws to Alison for her records at NVDA.

Abigail caught us up on the Municipal Tax concept. She contacted Marty Feltus of the Vermont Ways and Means Committee. This project does need approval from the Vermont Legislature. The 03.2020 town meeting is our goal.

* We would need a petition and a special town meeting. With voter approval it goes next to the legislature.

* It was noted that the select board has not taken a position on this issue.

James gave an update on the Gravel Road Project meeting in May. James was the designated representative from Burke. The mapping and design staff were introduced, as were the promo and public outreach teams. James shared our concerns relative to biker density and the need to bridge gaps between cyclists and the community.

Dates for our next meeting were discussed, contingent on room availability, James will ask Linda.

Valerie reported that she sent Abigail Long a note as a concerned citizen. She requested that Kingdom Trails institute a Rider Accountability form when KT passes are purchased. There was consensus that this seemed reasonable, but the Planning Commission has not formally taken a position on this.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40.