

**Town of Danville Planning Commission Meeting  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Danville Town Hall  
August 25, 2022**

**Attendance:** Glenn Herrin, Michael Hogue, David Kyle, Kate Whitehead, Jeff Paquet, Vince Foy, Mark Nicholson

**Guests:** Rob Balivet, Jake Clark (Encore Energy)

Glenn Herrin opened the meeting at 7:35pm

**MOTION: Glenn Herrin made a motion to move the solar project discussion to 8pm. Motion Carried. Minutes**

**MOTION: Michael Hogue made a motion to approve July minutes. Mark Abstained. Motion Carried. Bylaw Grant Opportunity (ACCD Bylaw Modernization Grant)**

New grant opportunity re: focus on zoning to address affordable housing. Potential scope of work: develop a zoning strategy to improve housing options in town. Funds could be used for data collection and mapping. Deadline 11/1. Discuss at September meeting.

**Committee Updates:**

Michael has identified volunteers for the town parking project & identification of recreation areas. This will inform VOREC mapping project.

**Proposed Olde Farmhouse Solar Project**

*Project Review (Encore Renewable Energy)*

o Encore Energy provided a review of the solar project, how the project was managed and shared that a notice to abutting property owners had been sent out. Michael and David discussed findings from their site visit and evaluated the visibility of the project. They shared that there is a view of the solar farm from the top of Pumpkin Hill as well as from Rte 2 traveling west into Danville from St J. They walked the property to determine possible mitigation measures for Rte 2. For screenings and shielding the project from view they suggested planting eastern arborvitae starting at the wood line, up the ridge to the plateau below the barn. Jake mentioned the aesthetic impact analysis and suggested screenings that had been provided by the landscape architect and VT renewable energy goals. PC continued to discuss screening options and impacts of the project as well as future mitigation efforts for conserving agricultural property.

*Planning Commission Discussion and Endorsement Decision*

**MOTION:** Glenn Herrin made a motion that the Olde Farmhouse Solar Project is in compliance with the Danville Town Plan and that the Planning Commission supports the project on the condition that the

landscape architect will develop a screening plan along Rte 2 that is acceptable to the Town. Motion carried.

### **Town Plan Update**

#### *Parameters for Historic Inventory Selection*

o Rob shared that there are 5 books available from the VDHP that list historic sites and structures in Danville. Should these be added to the list/inventory in the Town Plan?

#### *Section Update & Editing*

o Glenn created a google shared drive for the PC to view the most recent version of the Town Plan as updates are made. PC to send edits via email to Glenn and he will make updates to the master copy and upload to the google drive.

#### *Schedule for Town Plan:*

o Dec/Jan: rough draft complete

o February: 2<sup>nd</sup> draft compete

o April/May: Public Hearing

Next Meeting: September 22, 2022 @ 7:30pm at the Danville Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm

Respectfully submitted by Kate Whitehead