

Town of Danville Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Danville Town Hall

December 14, 2023

Attendance: Glenn Herrin, Vince Foy, Michael Hogue, Rob Balivet, Alison Despathy
Guests: None

Glenn Herrin, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Agenda changes and minutes from previous meetings: There were no changes to the agenda. The secretary could not make this meeting, so the November meeting minutes were not available yet.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Updates: The Train Station Committee reports construction is continuing with \$120K spent so far and the wetlands permit about to come through. Fundraising will begin soon. VTrans approved the pause place across the trail from the station.

Bylaw Modernization: Michael sent the summary of comments on their Technical Review to PlaceSense, who should be able to meet or provide a draft of comments early in 2024. The modernization work should be done by December 2024, which should be easy to accomplish.

Vacancy and Officer Nominations: With this being Michael's last meeting as a PC member, there is one vacancy to fill, with several others planning to leave over 2024. Glenn asked members to consider volunteering to serve as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary at elections in January.

Rules of Procedure Review: Glenn highlighted that the commission would review and update their Rules of Procedure at the January meeting.

Town Report: Glenn volunteered to write up a Planning Commission summary of 2023 to include in the Town Report, due to the Town Clerk in early January. All agreed.

Grant Management: Micheal observed that it was difficult for the Town to track planning grants and suggested the Planning Commission could act as a coordinator (not administrator) for grants to keep track of who was applying for what and to make

sure applications were not accidentally competing. All agreed and Glenn will take the suggestion to the Selectboard.

Stamford Wind Update: Alison discussed events around a wind turbine development in the town of Stamford, where the town had established an Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP) that the project violated. The developer ultimately abandoned the project.

Town Plan Update

- Telecom Content: Alison will send the draft out for people to consider before the next meeting. Glenn will try to find a good mobile coverage map to include.
- Introduction: Alison has updated the text and will work with Rob to integrate it with the current intro.
- Priorities: The group discussed including a list of top Town priorities for the next few years at the beginning of the plan.
- Proposal: in January the plan should have all the key components updated to be considered a final first draft, potentially for the Planning Commission to set as a final proposed draft in February.

Correspondence and Additional Comments/Discussion: The members briefly discussed whole-house and community battery backup systems.

After a unanimously approved motion from Vince Foy, the meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Glenn Herrin