

Town of Danville
Draft Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2024 @ 7:30 pm
Danville Town Hall

Attendance: Glenn Herrin, Rob Balivet, Kate Whitehead, Alison Despathy, Judith Corso, Vince Foy

Guest: Greg Prior

Minutes

MOTION: Rob Balivet made a motion to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

New Member

Judith Corso has been appointed by the SB and is now an official member of the PC.

Town Plan

Enhanced Energy Plan will be integrated into the Town Plan and have its own section – easier for updating. May mtg – will have new draft of EEP w/ reformatting + include any NVDA changes. Will go before SB at June 27 mtg.

Statewide Solar Projects

Alison brought to attention bill H.289 Renewable Energy Standard. Discussed trends playing out i.e. Shaftsbury – 84 acre clearing for solar array project/residents concerned. Discussed PC/SB role as an intervener – and assuring proposed projects fit with Town Plan & EEP – from a siting standpoint.

Zoning Bylaws

Update/Discuss other potential changes:

- ANR River Corridor Development regs/Flood language/prevent development in river corridor.
- Short-term rentals
- Districts – conditional uses/additions – review chart
- Adjusting zoning maps – correct boundaries in place
- Affordable housing strategies (i.e. PUD, cluster housing – look at model language/definition & existing zones where this would be appropriate). Limit sprawl & forest fragmentation.
- Village Growth – limited septic systems capacity for new development. Suggestion to explore impact fee structure.

Zoning Bylaw Adoption/Update process schedule:

- August 22 - Final draft of zoning bylaw
- September 26 – PC Public Hearing
- October 17 – SB Changes
- November 21 – Adopt
- December 12 – Bylaws Effective

Bylaw Modernization Grant/Placesense Audit Review:

- May Mtg – Draft recommendations from Placesense
- June Mtg – Final document

Next meeting April 25 @ 7:30 at the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted by Kate Whitehead