

Glover Planning Commission

April 28, 2016

Unapproved minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM. Randy Williams, Ann Creaven, Ann Lindner, Liz Nelson, Mariel Hess, Carmela Young, Brian Carroll, and Jack Sumberg attending.

Randy was acting Chair, as Nick has resigned from the Planning Commission.

We added Mariel Hess' name to the Economic Opportunity, Recreation and Tourism committee.

Ann L. made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25th meeting as corrected, seconded by Mariel. Unanimously approved.

Randy was nominated to be the Chair of the Planning Commission by Liz, seconded by Mariel.

Unanimously approved. Liz was nominated by Randy to be Secretary, seconded by Mariel. Unanimously approved.

Ann Creaven reported on the Energy Committee. She attended the Energy Meeting in Craftsbury on April 27. There are several state agencies available that can help us in formulating a plan.

We read Noel Ford's letter about energy and alternative energy.

Doug Safford, Noel Ford, Sarah Gluckman and Topher Waring were mentioned as possibly being interested in being on the committee or helping with research.

Ann Creaven will summarize different Town plans and make some recommendations. She may try to find how many local sites there are.

One of the Land Use committee's mandates is to address the sighting of solar farms and windmills. Hope contacted Allison who will help the committee with this as she knows the regulations and has an overall understanding of this process. NVDA has a policy statement that it does not approve of any wind towers being located in the Northeast Kingdom. The committee wrote up some questions about existing regulations and laws and submitted them to Allison for her to address when we are able to meet with her. For example, Act 250 protects the shoreline of lakes, but does not extend across the road if even if the road is very close to the water. The town can pass lakeshore zoning that is at least as strong as the state's.

Other alternative energy sources were mentioned: methane production from manure, hydro power, although the regulations for that are daunting. There also is bio-energy from wood products and geo-thermal sources (well and pond sources).

The Recreation, Tourism and Economic Opportunities Committee met before this meeting and Mariel will edit the report and send it to the members of the Planning Commission.

Nick was the sole member of the Education Committee, but Brian volunteered to be on the committee.

We will ask Hope and Noel if they are interested in being on this committee also.

Randy will report on Community Wellness at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Glover Planning Commission was set for Thursday, May 26 at 4 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson