



Town of Bolton
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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2014
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Bolton Town Office

Planning Commission members present: Jenifer Andrews, Linda Baker (Chair—via Skype), Steve Barner, Jim Bralich, and Rodney Pingree

Planning Commission members absent: None

Also present: Sharon Murray (DRB) and Kate McCarthy (VNRC)

Clerk: Carol Devlin

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Minutes ~ December 9, 2013
3. Science to Action Technical Assistance Memo (Kate McCarthy)
4. CCRPC application
5. VTARNG Joint Land Use Study
6. Flood Regulations (Miron Malboeuf)
7. PC Annual report
8. Other communications/mail
9. Any other business
10. Adjournment

Call to Order

Linda Baker called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Agenda Item #1 ~ Public Comment

The floor was opened to public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item #2 ~ Minutes December 9, 2013 Meeting

Jenifer Andrews made a motion to accept the minutes of December 9, 2013. Rodney Pingree seconded the motion. All were in favor (4 – 0), motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 ~ Science to Action Technical Assistance Memo (Kate McCarthy)

Kate McCarthy started the discussion by assuring the PC that she would be available for questions in the coming months. Kate and the PC discussed how the PC could use the memo for updating the Town Plan and regulations:

Short-term:

- Update the policies in the Town Plan to ensure they are clear and concise.
- Clarify definitions beginning with the State definitions and developing them to meet local needs.

Long-term:

- Update the standards for developmental review.
- Work with Fish and Wildlife to examine Bolton's resource management strategies.

Agenda Item #4 ~ CCPRC Application

The PC approved the CCPRC Work Plan application with the addition of an overlay of the hazard and 9-1-1 maps.

Agenda Item #5 ~ VTARNG Joint Land Use Study

The PC does not want to participate in the Joint Land Use Study because of the cost/time commitment. Carol Devlin will request more specific information.

Agenda Item #6 ~ Flood Regulations (Miron Malboeuf)

Miron Malboeuf was unable to attend. Carol Devlin will invite him to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #7 ~ PC annual report

The PC approved the annual report. After discussion it was decided that Carol Devlin should add a paragraph explaining that the PC would be proposing increased funding for hiring a zoning expert as a consultant.

Agenda Item #8 ~ Other communications/mail

Joss Besse is willing to help with grant writing if the PC should decide to pursue grants.

The State Geologist explained via email the timeline for obtaining a bedrock-aquifer study: there is a meeting in October at which towns present their proposals for work for the following summer. The process is competitive. Rodney Pingree said that he would be unable to represent the town and present the proposal as he is on the committee hearing them. Linda Baker volunteered to do it. Rodney and Linda will begin working on a proposal this summer. Rodney explained the importance of understanding the town's geological and aquifer make-up in order to plan for future development.

The dates of the next two PC meetings are Monday, February 10 and Monday, March 10.

Amy Grover is still trying to arrange a meeting between the PC, SB, state and federal representatives re: flood regulations.

Agenda Item #9 ~ Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Agenda Item #10 ~ Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carol Devlin
Clerk, Planning Commission

These minutes are unofficial until accepted.

These minutes were read and accepted by a quorum of the Planning Commission on:

Linda Baker

For the Planning Commission