

STRAFFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

July 20, 2020

Present: Steve Willbanks, Chair; Greg Colling; Stuart Crocker; Donald Graham; Chrissy Jamieson; Martha Walke.

Guests: Kevin Grady - Strafford Energy Commission

Via Zoom phone conference: Tori Littlefield - TRORC

Micki Colbeck - Strafford Energy Commission

Doc Bagley - Strafford Energy Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM.

1. Minutes from the June 17, 2020 meeting accepted as written.
2. Tori Littlefield began the discussion of the Strafford Energy Committee's mission as regards to the Town Plan. It was their initiative to expand the energy chapter to include the Enhanced Energy Plan with inclusion of state standards and policies. She discussed the role of TRORC in helping the Strafford Planning Commission in incorporating the work of the Energy Commission. She would start helping in August.

A motion was made (DG/CJ) to proceed with updating the energy chapter and the Forest Connectivity Plan in the Town Plan. Propose to modify the Town Plan in these two areas and make them operational and to incorporate these modified provisions into the Town Plan and into the Unified Bylaw.

Motion passed: 6 ayes and 0 nays.

3. Tori Littlefield will attend the August 17th Planning Commission meeting to talk through the Energy Plan. Pete Fellows may join and help with the Forest Connectivity Plan.
4. Kevin Grady and Doc Bagley spoke to the Strafford Enhanced Energy Plan and on Act 248 which is to help towns determine sightings for renewed energy projects. This is our opportunity to oversee these projects. The only renewable power feasible in Strafford is solar and the town would need a total of 45 acres for any energy projects to meet all the goals set.
Discussion on the renewability of wood being harvested for pellets and whether the Energy Plan took this into consideration. Strafford's energy plan looked at using wood with something else (not fossil fuels).
5. There are no fluvial erosion/hazard zone maps. Kevin Geiger has been asked for these maps. There is not, as yet, an Elizabeth Mine overlay promised by the EPA. Kevin has been asked re wording for exterior lighting. Pete Fellows is working on updating our zoning map.
6. Greg Colling read some wording for definition of height. Norwich has the best wording. He is also working on defining "average grade".

Moved to adjourn at 8:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary