

Strafford Planning Commission
June 21, 2021

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Present: Steve Willbanks, Chair; Greg Colling; Chrissy Jamieson; Mike Scanlan; Jason Schumacher; Tom Scull; Martha Walke.

Guests: Tory Littlefield, TRORC; Doc Bagley, Strafford Energy Commission.

Call to order: 7:10PM

1. Minutes from the May meeting accepted as written.
2. Doc Bagley spoke on the two solar projects that the Energy Commission is working on with the VT Law School. The two sites being considered are on Sandy Preston's property (Rte. 132) and the Orgain property (Alger Brook Rd.). He discussed the requirements of the review process and the need for a suitable siting agreement from the town's Selectboard and Planning Commission. People would buy in to these arrays, with Strafford town people being given priority. They are also planning on retiring the renewable energy credits which will cost those buying in.

The Planning Commission would like the abutters of both properties to know about these solar projects before giving written support to the project(s). Doc will get back to us after the abutters have been notified. The Planning Commission will invite the abutters to a special meeting to discuss their views or we will accept a letter from them expressing their views.

3. The Planning Commission will hold its hearing on the draft Town Plan on July 19, 2021, at 7PM. Townspeople may join in person at the Morrill Homestead Education Center or they may join via Zoom. The community will be notified of this hearing and that the major change deals with the Energy chapter.
4. TRORC is offering technical assistance to the review and updating of the Strafford Unified Bylaw draft. While the housing section requires updating per new state requirements and the Education chapter needs updating, they will work on the entire Unified Bylaw with us.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary