

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TOWN PLAN
BY THE STRAFFORD SELECTBOARD

July 19, 2017

Members of the public body present: Toni Pippy (Chair), Kate Siepmann, Stephen Marx, John Freitag, Brian Johnson

Toni Pippy called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

There followed a long discussion primarily concerned with the Land Use and Energy chapters of the Draft Town Plan. Concerns and questions were raised about the enforceability of the Plan, whether or not it was too restrictive, whether we should address the issues around new business development by stating what the Town would prohibit rather than a short list of what it would allow. The Select Board will work on these and other questions before the final hearing on August 16, at 7:00 p.m. In Barrett Hall.

At 8:50 pm John moved and Brian seconded to adjourn the hearing. All approved.

The Select Board wishes to thank the over-30 people who attended the hearing.

One member of the public commented: That was one of the best community forums I have ever been to. Such great dialog, and honest, earnest questions.

We agreed.

Gratefully submitted,

Kate Siepmann, recording clerk