

Town of Newfane, Vermont  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2019

Place: Newfane Town Office, 555 Vermont RT. 30, Newfane, VT

Present: Ken Estey, Lynn Forrest, Bob McCandless

Candidate for the Planning Commission (PC): Tim Shortell / DRB member: Walt Dadik

- 1 Call to order by Ken Estey at 6:00 PM
- 2 Additions/amendments to the agenda:
  - a. Lynn requested consensus to allow Green Mountain Conservation members time to speak whenever they arrived. All agreed.
- 1 Lynn motioned to approve the minutes of both October 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> meetings. Bob seconded. All approved.
- 2 No unscheduled members of the public were present.
5. The Book Minute discussion focused on the theme of “Community Land” from T. Angotti's book on planning. Commissioners voiced views on how to identify land as more than just a tangible asset but as a reflection of social relationships.
- 1 Old Business:
  - a. Tim Shortell was requested to appear before the Selectboard before they vote him in as a Planning Commission member. Tim will appear at the Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting.
  - b. Ken referred to a number of people who might be good candidates for joining the PC.
  - c. Commissioners discussed the motion on Green Burials bylaw from October 17 and Lynn and Ken will work on the process to have the wording finalized so it can be presented to the Selectboard at their Nov 18<sup>th</sup> scheduled meeting.
  - d. Lynn motioned to have Bob send the most recently updated version of the Newfane Enhanced Energy Plan sent to John Bennett of Windham Regional Commission as our working document. Bob seconded. All in favor.
- 1 New Business:

Deborah Luskin and Roger Haydock are members of the Green Mountain Conservancy (GMC). They presented an overview of the organization's current project to purchase large tracts of land in Dummerston, Newfane and Brookline from the West River inland that will be maintained as conservation land in its natural state unable to be developed so to preserve its natural habitat of flora and fauna. Lynn made a motion to have Ken write a letter of support of the Green Mountain Conservancy's work and funding to conserve the Deer Run Nature Preserve abutting the West River. Bob seconded. All in favor.
- 1 Meeting Evaluation - no recommendations.
- 2 Correspondence – None.
- 3 Bob made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Lynn seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Bob McCandless

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