

**West Rutland Planning Commission (PC) Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3, 2023    6:00pm    Town Offices, 35 Marble St.**

**Members Present:** Sean Barrows (Chair), Leona Minard, Michael Brzoza (Vice-Chair), Jim Flint  
Also Present: Jeffrey Biasuzzi (as P.C. Alternate & Recorder and Zoning Administrator)

**Call to Order:** Chair S. Barrows called the Meeting to Order at 6:10 pm, and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was not electronically recorded.

**Agenda:**

S. Barrows requested Motion to approve the proposed Agenda. Jim Flint so Moved, M. Brzoza seconded, all approved, and Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The April 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. L. Minard made a Motion to approve the Minutes as written, J. Flint seconded, all approved, and Motion passed.

**Open Meeting to Public Input.**

There was no Public in attendance nor written input.

**Initiate Updates to Town Plan (TP):**

J. Flint opened discussion on the ENERGY section (pg.24-25) of the TP.

1. Elaboration on Goal # 1 should address existing building's energy- saving improvement, replacing older HVAC systems and appliances with new technology (ex.: heat pumps), and storing energy with residential and commercial battery systems.
2. Goal #2 should address feasibility of co-operative fuel purchasing organizations.
3. Goal #3 should address community -solar generation facilities, town leased land for commercial or industrial solar projects, and other possible alternative energy sources (Ex: wood fuel)
  - a) J. Biasuzzi to request RRPC for preferred solar siting maps.
  - b) Involve supporting organizations (Neighbor works, Efficiency VT , BROCC) for educational & technical participation.
    - i. Include other building health education issues (ex.: Radon, senior friendly design).
4. Goal #4 should have updated Census values (available from RRPC). Discussion should include public transportation options available (bus, Uber, Rideshares).
  - a) Add goal to increase use of solar generation and reduce use of fossil fuels, to conform to state objectives.

There was no review of the ELECTRICITY or NATURAL GAS sections of the TP.

The Members then reviewed the ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES section of the TP.

1. Under *Wind, Solar, and Water* section, all paragraphs needs updated. The sentence prohibiting Commenrcial/Industrial solar project to be struck. Wind & Water power have limited opportunities for acceptance in the Town.
2. *Recommendations* (should be Goals to be constant with format) ?) need updating. The TP lacks an Action Plan on how to achieve Goals.

J. Flint offered to draft revised revisions of the Sections discussed, and present to the Members in time for their review and discussion a t next meeting. J. Biasuzzi will request RRPC to provide current Census data. S. Barrows suggested the format should confine a single topic to each page if possible and/or label the continued topic at the top of next page.

**Other & Miscellaneous Business:**

J. Biasuzzi announced plans for the Rutland Housing Trust & developer Evernorth to hold a Public Information meeting on May 17 at 6:00 pm at Town offices to present a Site Plan for the 24 dwelling unit "Marble Village" project. One objective is to poll opinion on what the building's exterior design should be.

**Meeting Schedule:**

The next scheduled P.C. meeting is for **Wednesday June 7, 2023, at (regular) time of 6:00 pm** at Town Office.

**Adjournment:**

J. Flint Moved to conclude the Meeting; M. Brzoza seconded, All approved and the Meeting adjourned at 8: 10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by J. Biasuzzi

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_