

Town of Tamworth

Planning Board

*** draft PLANNING BOARD MINUTES ***

December 17, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Members Present: Dom Bergen, Becca Boyden, David Little, Tom Peters (7:06 pm), Steve Gray, Selectmen's Representative Alternate (7:15 pm)

Members Absent: Pat Farley, Dave Cluff, John Roberts

Alternates Present: none

Alternates Absent: Lianne Prentice, Nicole Maher-Whiteside

No quorum was present at the call to order of the meeting. The arrival of Tom Peters brought the board to quorum status.

Jack Waldron is present to talk about Revision Energy and their solar arrays for towns, schools and nonprofits. This program matches a "donor" – someone who can benefit from the tax credits with a "host" who will use the energy but is not able to benefit from the tax credits. The donor finances the project and takes the incentives. The host will sign an agreement to purchase their electricity from the donor for a set number of years, at which time they can choose to buy the array at the current market rate. In their experience so far, the electrical payments to buy out the array takes about 10 years. The arrays last 20-25 years. This project is a means to get solar based electricity at approximately ½ of what it would cost over a 25 year period.

Steve and Jack are looking for support to meet with Revision about this project for the school and town buildings. The school board is interested, and Steve will be talking to the Selectmen about this.

There were several questions about the project. The buyout of the array is typically 20-30% of the original cost.

Becca made a motion that the Planning Board endorse the investigation of the solar power purchase. Tom seconded. APPROVED

Minutes: 11/19/14– no correction noted. A **motion** to accept minutes as presented (Tom/Becca). APPROVED.

Treasurer: Expended, year-to-date: \$3289.00. \$16045.83 remaining in the budget. Dom and Tom met with the Selectmen regarding the budget. CIP salary is being moved to the CIP line.

Secretary: No new applications. Jack Waldron emailed a request to be placed on the agenda.

Selectmen's representative: Budgeting has been taking place. Concerned citizens have developed some space alternatives for the Town Office building. The discussion will take place 12/18 at 5 pm.

Economic Development: no report

Lakes Region Planning Commission: no report

Conservation Commission: Becca reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. They talked about the 250th Celebration and the Land Protection Celebration being held at the Community School on January 17 at 130 pm. There will be a guest speaker from NH Fish and Game Wildlife Action Plan at the Cook Library on January 14th. Discussion about the timber sale at White Lake State Park. The hearing for this sale was held last year.

Old Business: Dom contacted White Mountain Survey regarding electronic sharing of documents. They are not at this level currently. Members can attend meetings electronically via Skype, under certain circumstances.

New Business: A proposed meeting calendar for 2015 was distributed. Dom made a motion to accept the proposed calendar as proposed, using the December 23 date for the December meeting. Tom seconded the motion. APPROVED (see attached meeting calendar)

A **motion to adjourn** at 8:09 pm. (Tom/Becca). APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

2015 Meeting Calendar – Tamworth Planning Board

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 22

May 27

June 24

July 22

August 26

September 23

October 28

November 18

December 23

All meetings will be held at the Tamworth Town House, beginning at 7:00 pm.