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## TOWNSHEND PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

December 13, 2017

**Present:** John Evans; Andrew Snelling; Bob DeSiervo; Dale West

**In Attendance:** Craig Hunt

1. **Call to Order:** Evans called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** West made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of November 27, 2017, as corrected**, seconded by DeSiervo and carried by those present.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** None at this time.
4. **Members of the Public:** None at this time.
5. **Correspondence:** None at this time.
6. **Old Business: Scott Letter:** DeSiervo continues to work on a draft letter to Governor Scott pertaining to the condition of Townshend Lake.

**Village Center Designation:** Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the processes involved in applying for Village Center Designation and the potential benefits to Townshend. The Commissioners expressed hope of soliciting information from those in the business community, from various groups and organizations and from residents about the financial and political benefits that having formal State recognition of Townshend's villages could provide.

7. **New Business:** Commissioners agreed that a major priority of the near future should be understanding the requirements of Act 174. While the Windham Regional Commission works toward completion of its regional energy plan, it is also providing assistance to towns assessing the energy conservation and generation goals outlined in Act 174. Commissioners will

consider applying for a State grant to help offset any costs of the undertaking. Hunt was asked to seek preliminary drafts from neighboring towns already engaged in conducting the studies.

**8. Adjournment:** West made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:45 p.m.,** carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt