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## **Townshend Planning Commission**

Minutes

May 10, 2017

**Present:** John Evans; Dale West, Andrew Snelling

**In Attendance:** Dan Holt; Craig Hunt

1. **Call to Order:** Evans called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** West made motions: **To approve the Minutes of October 26, 2016, November 16, 2016, December 7, 2016, January 11, 2017, February 22, 2017 and April 12, 2017**, all seconded by Evans. With one abstention on each, the motions failed due to lack of a quorum present.

West made a motion: **To approve the Draft Town Plan Public Hearing Minutes of April 26, 2017**, seconded by Snelling and carried by those present.

West made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2017**, seconded by Snelling and carried by those present.

3. **Additions and Deletions:** None at this time.
4. **Members of the Public:** Dan Holt was welcomed as a guest at the meeting.
5. **Correspondence:** Evans summarized a State Wastewater Permit Application for Solomon on Kearly Drive.
6. **Draft Town Plan:** Commissioners discussed information gathered at the Public Hearing on April 26, 2017, to review the draft Town Plan.

Hunt relayed his meeting schedule with John Bennett, Senior Planner at the Windham Regional Commission, to finalize the editing.

7. **New Business: Act 174 Review:** Snelling reported on his meeting in West Dover with representatives from the Windham Regional Commission, April 19, 2017, to discuss the goals of Vermont's proposed Act 174 legislation. He presented an overview of the three main elements of that proposal: renewable energy siting and production; transportation energy use and efficiency; and home and municipal building heating and cooling energy use.

Adoption of that legislation is proceeding in phases.

The incorporation of Act 174's goals, within future municipal Town Plans, is designed to give municipal entities substantial deference in the approval process of any applications for renewable energy generation facilities.

8. **Other Business:** Evans made note that the Scott Bridge reconstruction project was scheduled to be complete by the end of May.
9. **Meeting Schedule:** May 24, 2017 @ 7:15 p.m.
10. **Adjournment:** Snelling made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:40 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt