

Townshend Planning Commission
Minutes
May 9, 2018

Present: John Evans; Robert DeSiervo, Brandon Canevari and Andrew Snelling
Members of the public: Donnel Barnum and Laura Richardson (7:30 p.m.)

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Canevari made a motion to accept the minutes of April 25, 2018 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Snelling and unanimously carried.

3. **Additions and Deletions:** None presented

4. **Members of the Public:** Ms Barnum and Ms Richardson presented the Commission with the findings of their survey pertaining to the proposed Dollar General store. They stated that roughly 500 people responded to the survey and 84% indicated that they weren't in favor of the store. Additionally, 300 people indicated that they would like to see a public forum to discuss the proposed Dollar General Store. The Commissioners and Ms. Barnum and Ms. Richardson discussed the current permitting process for development in Townshend and the role of the Town Plan and how that might change with zoning. In the course of the discussion Snelling referenced the Permit Review Sheet for the project received from Department of Environmental Conservation & Natural Resources Board.

5. **Correspondence:** The draft of Newfane's updated town plan was examined by the Commissioners. Snelling indicated that he would attempt to attend the public hearing in Newfane on May 29th at 6:00 p.m.

6. **Old Business:**
Letter to Gov. Scott, etal, re: Townshend Lake: DeServio indicated he had nothing to report, but Gov. Scott had been in town last week.
Act 174 Energy Plan: Snelling mentioned that that Windham Regional Commission had adopted the new energy section for the regional plan and were submitting it to the PUC to certify compliance with Act 174. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of Townshend modifying the Town Plan energy section to be Act 174 complaint. Evans asked that Snelling look into the current availability of grants for assistance in updating the energy section.
Village Center Designation no action

Infrastructure Inventory & Review no action
Review of Town Plan action items Evans requested that all the Commissioners be prepared to discuss the open action items from the Town Plan at the next meeting.

7. **New Business:**

8. **Other Business:** A brief discussion of the need to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission.

9. **Meeting Schedule:** Regular Meeting: May 23, 2018 @ 7:15 p.m.
Regular Meeting: June 13, 2018 @ 7:15 p.m.

10. **Adjournment:** DeSiervo made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Snelling