

Townshend Planning Commission
Draft Minutes
January 8, 2020

Present: John Evans, Liza Martin, Bob DeSiervo, and Andrew Snelling

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** DeSiervo moved, to approve the December 18, 2019 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Evans and carried unanimously.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** Snelling requested that a discussion of the recent announcement of a sale of SVC to Comcast and the upcoming WRC broadband meeting be added under New Business. It was unanimously agreed to make the addition.
4. **Members of the Public:** none
5. **Correspondence:** no new correspondence
6. **Old Business:**
Act 174 Energy Element Snelling started the discussion by stating that section 3 is intended to cover the Town's resources, constraints & potential for energy generation. Snelling brought up that wood although often overlooked was an abundant and important renewable resource in Townshend. The Commissioners examined the maps for Wind and Solar resources provided by WRC. It was noted that there is very little available industrial wind resources without known or potential constraints. Some of the best potential wind sites are along Hazel Hill, Crane Mountain Rd and Acton Hill Rd. –all of which have a lot of houses which would be a constraint for Commercial and Industrial wind generation.
7. **New Business:** Southern Vermont Cable sale and availability of Broadband
Snelling expressed his opinion that the possible sale of SVC made it more important to attend the January 16th WRC meeting on broadband service. Snelling and DeSiervo said that they would attend the meeting.
8. **Other Business:**
9. **Meeting Schedule:** Regular Meeting: January 22, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m.
Regular Meeting: February 12, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m.
10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Evans declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Snelling