

Charleston Town Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on December 10, 2015

Members Attending:

John Kellogg, Chair
Dean Bennett, Member
Jayson Benoit, Clerk

Members Unable to Attend:

Blair Moulton, Member
Eleanor Leger, Member

Town Residents:

Diana Marckwardt

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair John Kellogg. Minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting of the Planning Commission were read, and a motion was made to accept the minutes by Dean Bennett and seconded by Jayson Benoit. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, Planning Commission Solar Subcommittee member Diana Marckwardt offered an update on a proposed solar project for the town. The project, which will go before voters at the March 2016 Town Meeting, would construct a 118.5 kW ground-mounted solar array in the town gravel pit on Ten Mile Square Road to generate power to offset electricity costs of the school, town offices, town garage, fire department, and streetlights. Ms. Marckwardt said federal and state grant funding will be pursued to help cover the costs of the project if passed by town voters.

Under New Business, the Commission scheduled its 2016 public meetings on March 10; June 9; September 8; and December 8. Also under New Business, the Commission discussed a request by the town of Irasburg for a letter of support for its request to state officials that towns have a stronger voice in the Public Service Board siting process for industrial scale renewable energy projects. Mr. Kellogg made a motion that the Commission provide the town of Irasburg with a letter of support. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bennett and passed unanimously.

Seeing that there was other business before the Commission, Mr. Kellogg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benoit and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 6:00 pm on March 10, 2016 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on March 10, 2016 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Jason Benoit, Clerk