

**Charleston Town Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on December 8, 2016**

Members Attending:

John Kellogg, Chair
Jayson Benoit, Clerk
Dean Bennett, Member
Eleanor Leger, Member
Larry Young, Member Ex Officio

Members Unable to Attend:

Blair Moulton, Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair John Kellogg. Minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission were read and a motion was made by Dean Bennett to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Ledger and passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, Planning Commission Solar Subcommittee Chair Tom Jensen submitted a written update on the town's solar project approved by voters at the March 2016 Town Meeting reporting that application will be made in January 2017 for a certificate of Public Good from the state Public Services Board.

Under New Business, the Commission discussed the need to make revisions to the Town Plan to bring it into compliance with the state's new Energy Planning Standards. Considering the complexity of the new energy standards, Mr. Kellogg suggested that the Commission reach out to Attorney Larry Slason for some orientation. Mr. Slason, who has a seasonal house on Echo Lake, is an expert in this area who has provided *pro bono* support to the Commission. Mr. Kellogg said he would report back to the Commission on Mr. Slason's availability.

Also under New Business, a motion was made by Mr. Kellogg and seconded by Mr. Benoit to schedule quarterly public meetings for the Commission in 2017 on March 9, June 8, September 14, and December 14, with all meetings at 6:00 pm at the Town Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Noting that there was no New Business before the Planning Commission, Mr. Kellogg made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Ledger and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 6:00 pm on March 9, 2017 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on March 9, 2017 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Jayson Benoit, Clerk