

Charleston Town Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on March 9, 2017

Members Attending: John Kellogg, Chair; Jayson Benoit, Clerk; Dean Bennett, Member
Blair Moulton, Member; Larry Young, Ex Officio

Members Unable to Attend: Eleanor Leger, Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair John Kellogg. Minutes of the December 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 Blair Moulton and passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, Mr. Kellogg noted that the Planning Commission has submitted a letter to the state's Public Service Board confirming that the Town's upcoming solar project is fully compliant with the current Town Plan (letter is attached).

Under New Business, Mr. Kellogg reviewed the dates for upcoming Planning Commission meetings in 2017 (June 8, September 14, and December 14) and made a motion that the starting time for the meetings be set at 6:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm for the convenience of those attending both the Planning Commission meetings and the subsequent Selectboard meetings, which begin at 7:00 pm on the same nights. The motion was seconded by Jayson Benoit and passed unanimously.

Also under New Business, Mr. Kellogg reported that he had begun to gather information about the state's Act 174 which mandates that Town Plans provide detailed technical information about energy use and energy planning as part of the state's new energy planning process. Mr. Kellogg said he had spoken with NVDA staff about providing support and they expected to have some data about Charleston available soon. Mr. Kellogg said he would update the Planning Commission at the June meeting.

Also under New Business, Mr. Moulton said the Town Fire Department was beginning to consider options to address the aging of the Fire Department's building. He said discussions were in an early stage, focusing on the possibility of replacing the building and whether to remain at the current site. Grant funding and financing are also being explored. Mr. Kellogg asked Mr. Moulton to keep the Planning Commission updated on this topic.

Seeing no other business before the Commission, Mr. Kellogg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Moulton and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 6:30 pm on June 8, 2017 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on June 8, 2017 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Jason Benoit, Clerk