

**Charleston Town Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on March 14, 2019**

Members Attending: John Kellogg, Chair; Blair Moulton, Member; Hap Eliason, Member; Carmen Murray, Member; Larry Young, Ex Officio; Glenn Peterson, Ex Officio; Peter Moskovites, ExOfficio

Members Unable to Attend: Eleanor Leger, Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair John Kellogg. Minutes of the December 13, 2018 Planning Commission meeting were read, and a motion was made by Hap Eliason to accept the minutes and seconded by Glenn Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kellogg began the meeting by announcing the appointment of Carmen Murray as a member of the Charleston Town Planning Commission. Ms. Murray told the Commission that she had previously lived in Charleston for many years before she moved to Island Pond, where she now lives. As an early participant in the Mad Brook Farm community, Ms. Murray noted that she lived there from 1970 to 1984, and continues as a current land owner and taxpayer in Charleston today due to her continuing connection to the Mad Brook Community. Mr. Kellogg explained that members of the Town Planning Commission are not required to be residents of the town, but the Commission is required to maintain a majority of members who are current residents. The Commission members each introduced themselves and welcomed Ms. Murray to the Commission.

Under Old Business, Mr. Kellogg offered an update on the progress of the 2019 Town Plan. He told the Commission that he attended an NVDA Regional Approval Hearing on February 5, 2019 at 6 pm in Newport with the purpose of ensuring that the 2019 Charleston Town Plan is fully compliant with (1) State of Vermont Town Plan requirements and (2) the newly established energy planning requirements of Act 174. After discussion, NVDA representatives attending the hearing voted to recommend the Charleston Town Plan for regional approval. The full NVDA Board will meet in mid-March to consider giving final regional approval, including awarding certification of energy compliance to the plan, which under Act 174 will require the state's Public Utility Commission (formerly the Public Service Board) to give the plan "substantial deference" when considering applications for renewable energy development projects in the town.

Seeing no New Business before the Commission, Mr. Kellogg asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Larry Young and seconded by Glenn Peterson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 6:30 pm on June 13, 2019 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on June 13, 2019 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Blair Moulton, Clerk