

**Charleston Town Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on December 12, 2019**

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

Members Unable to Attend: Eleanor Leger, Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair John Kellogg. Minutes of the September 12, 2019 Planning Commission meeting were read. A motion was made by Hap Eliason to accept the minutes and seconded by Carmen Murray. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, a report on the town solar project was presented by Assistant Town Clerk Colleen Kellogg. The report reviewed the goals of the solar project: (1) engage the town in sustainable energy production; and (2) not cost more than the town would otherwise pay for its electricity usage. The report showed that project revenue is meeting project expenses for its first 18 months of operation, but noted that since solar energy production is weather-dependent, it may vary from month to month and from year to year. The solar array's production can be viewed by residents by visiting the town's website (charlestonvt.org), selecting 'Departments,' then 'Community Solar.' Mr. Kellogg asked for another solar array update at the Planning Commission's public meeting in June 2020.

Also under Old Business, Mr. Kellogg reported on a review of the value to the town of (1) applying for Village Center Designation for East and West Charleston's villages, and (2) applying for a state grant to install a charging station in the town for electric vehicles. Regarding Village Center designation, Mr. Kellogg noted that the program primarily provides tax credits to support new business investments, and no such projects are currently in development for either village center. Regarding charging station grants, Mr. Kellogg noted they are designed to support active installation projects, and the town does not have such a project underway nor are there current plans to do so due to the lack of electric vehicles currently in or traveling through the town. After discussion of both of these matters by the Planning Commission, it was agreed they would both be tabled for a future meeting.

Under New Business, the Planning Commission set dates for its 2020 Quarterly Public Meetings. These dates are March 12, June 11, September 10, and December 10. All meetings will be held at 6:30 pm at the Town Office.

Seeing no other New Business before the Commission, Mr. Kellogg asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Blair Moulton and seconded by Mr. Eliason. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 6:30 pm on March 12, 2020 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on March 12, 2020 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Blair Moulton, Clerk