

Charleston Town Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on March 12, 2020

Members Attending:

John Kellogg, Chair
Hap Eliason, Member
Carmen Murray, Member
Larry Young, Ex Officio
Peter Moskovites, ExOfficio
Pat Austin, Ex Officio

Members Unable to Attend:

Eleanor Leger, Member
Blair Moulton, Clerk

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

There were no agenda items under Old Business.

Under New Business, the first agenda item was a discussion in response to an inquiry by Efficiency Vermont to upgrade the town's streetlighting system using high efficiency LED fixtures. The cost to the town for making this upgrade is estimated at \$2250 with payment spread over a 32-month period. This upgrade could also be used to review current streetlight installations to see if all are still needed. Final action on this matter is required by the town's Selectboard which has agreed to consider this in the fall of 2021.

Also under New Business, the Planning Commission discussed renewal of the Townwide Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was first adopted by the town in February 2016 and will expire early in 2021. It was noted in the discussion that this plan allows the town to be eligible for important sources of financial assistance, including FEMA funds. Renewal of the plan will be led by the Planning Commission with support from NVDA and requires public hearings during 2020. Updates on the renewal and hearing process will be offered at the June 11, 2020 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Seeing no other New Business before the Commission, Mr. Kellogg asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Peter Moskovites and seconded Ms. Murray. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 6:30 pm on June 11, 2020 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on June 11, 2020 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Blair Moulton, Clerk