

**Charleston Town Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on March 9, 2023**

Members Attending: Blair Moulton, Clerk; and Peter Moskovites, ExOfficio. Chair John Kellogg and Ex Officio Members Tim Jenness and Pat Austin joined the meeting in progress.

Members Unable to Attend: Eleanor Leger, Hap Eliason

Also Attending: Colleen Kellogg, Assistant Town Clerk

The meeting, held at the Town Office, was called to order at 5:43 pm by Peter Moskovites. Minutes of the December 22, 2022 Planning Commission meeting were read. A motion was made by Peter Moskovites to accept the minutes and seconded by Blair Moulton. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Town Clerk Colleen Kellogg said that Carmen Murray had stopped by the Town Office to offer her resignation from the Planning Commission, and her resignation was accepted. There was no public comment.

Under Old Business, Ms. Kellogg provided a copy letter from the Selectboard and Planning Commission, which was sent to solar installer Building Energy to open a discussion about possibly going with a more local vendor for future maintenance. In his reply, Nik at Building Energy seems open to the idea and recommended Norwich solar as a slightly closer vendor. Commission Member Hap Eliason suggested the town first reach out to Solartech in Sutton, VT. By agreement of all present, the Planning Commission and Selectboard authorize Hap Eliason to reach out to Solartech and any other suitable vendors as needed to gather options for the town going forward. John Kellogg will support this effort as needed.

Under New Business, Blair Moulton reports that the Charleston Volunteer Fire Station is now self-sufficient and equipped to act as an emergency shelter and command center with the addition of a stand-by generator. The entire space is heated. A well is being drilled to guarantee a water supply, because their shared spring has failed and will be shut down. Ms. Kellogg will add this information to the Hazard Mitigation Plan update and other town emergency materials.

Seeing no other business before the Commission, Mr. Moskovites made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Blair Moulton. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 5:30 pm on June 8, 2023 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on June 8, 2023 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Blair Moulton, Clerk