

**Town of Charleston Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on September 12, 2024**

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Members Attending: John Kellogg, Chair; Tom Wagner, Member; Peter Moskovites, Ex Officio; Terry Rollins; Ex Officio. Members Unable to Attend: Blair Moulton, Clerk; Hap Eliason, Member; Eleanor Leger, Member. Also Attending: Colleen Kellogg, Assistant Town Clerk.

The meeting, held at the Town Office, was called to order at 5:33 pm by Chair John Kellogg. An email update from Hap Eliason about the town's solar array was added to the agenda.

Minutes of the June 13, 2024, Planning Commission meeting were read. A motion was made by Mr. Moskovites to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Wagner. The motion passed unanimously. There was no Public Comment.

Under Old Business, Mr. Kellogg offered an update on progress by NEK Broadband to bring high speed internet to the area. He noted that NEK Broadband merged with CVFiber in August to expand NEK Broadband to now include a total of 71 adjacent cities and towns. He explained that this merger will bring in new customers and infrastructure, strengthen and optimize management capacity, and expand federal and state funding opportunities. More to come on this as it is implemented over the coming months.

Also under Old Business, Mr. Eliason updated the Commission on the town's solar array via email, noting that all outstanding issues with the system have been addressed by vendor SolarEdge, and currently there are no new issues.

Under New Business, Mr. Wagner updated the Commission on activity by the Echo Lake Protective Association's (ELPA) ongoing work to maintain the lake as one of the state and nation's cleanest and support Townwide Hazard Mitigation Plan goals of protecting surface waters and expanding vegetated shorelines and buffers.

Seeing no other business before the Commission, Mr. Kellogg asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Kellogg. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 5:30 pm on December 12, 2024 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on December 12, 2024 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Blair Moulton, Clerk