

**Southern Windsor County
Regional Planning Commission**

Minutes of Monday, September 18, 2017
Martin Memorial Hall, Ascutney, VT

Commissioners Present: Tom Bock, Chester; Peter Daniels, Weathersfield; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore; Kathy Rondeau, Reading; Joe Fromberger, Andover; Joe Wilson, Springfield; Logan Nicoll, Ludlow.

Others Present: Lori Claffee and Walter Wallace.

Staff Present: Tom Kennedy, Jason Rasmussen, Cynthia Porter, Chris Titus.

Public Hearings

Tom Bock opened the first public hearing at 12:30 PM. This public hearing is being held regarding whether to approve the municipal plan and confirm the municipal planning efforts of the Town of Springfield under 24 V.S.A. §4350. Jason Rasmussen reported on the findings of the Town Plan Review Committee's review. There were no public comments received. Tom Bock closed the hearing.

Tom Bock opened the second public hearing at 12:40 PM. This public hearing is being held regarding whether to approve the municipal plan and confirm the municipal planning efforts of the Town of Weathersfield under 24 V.S.A. §4350. Jason Rasmussen reported on the findings of the Town Plan Review Committee's review. There were no public comments received. Tom Bock closed the hearing.

Regular Meeting

Tom Bock opened the meeting at 12:50 PM.

1. Changes to the Agenda
 - a. None
2. Approval of 2017 Springfield Town Plan and confirmation of Springfield's local planning process
 - a. *Peter Daniels made a motion to approve Springfield's Town Plan and confirm Springfield's local planning process in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4350 and as recommended by the Town Plan Review Committee. Second by Joe Fromberger. Motion passed.*
3. Approval of 2017 Weathersfield Town Plan and confirmation of Weathersfield's local planning process
 - a. *Peter Daniels made a motion to approve Weathersfield's Town Plan and confirm Weathersfield's local planning process in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4350 and as recommended by the Town Plan Review Committee. Second by Logan Nicoll. Motion passed.*

4. Secretary's Report

- a. *Joe Wilson made a motion to approve the July 26, 2017 Secretary's Report. Second by Peter Daniels. Joe Fromberger abstained. Motion passed.*

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. *Peter Daniels made a motion to accept the August 2017 Treasurer's Report. Second by Logan Nicoll. Motion passed.*

6. Water Quality Updates

- a. Tom Kennedy gave updates on the Grants In Aid program and the new Clean Water Block Grants. Under a pilot program with DEC, the SWCRPC is taking the lead on the Block Grant and subcontracting with the other RPCs. The contract details are still being worked out at this time. Towns should be aware of the rulemaking this fall for the 3-acre site stormwater rule as well as the municipal roads general permit. An informational meeting is scheduled for October 16th at 2pm after the next RPC Board meeting.

7. Brownfield Updates

- a. Tom Kennedy reported that we are out of assessment funds at this time, but we are applying for additional funds this year. The applicant for a proposed solar project at the Goodyear site will likely apply for cleanup funds (RLF) in the near future.

8. Net-Metering Preferred Site

- a. Jason Rasmussen reported that solar developers are asking for a "preferred site" letter from the Windsor Planning Commission, Windsor Selectboard and the SWCRPC Board for a number of proposed projects in Windsor. Such a letter simply allows a project to fall under the "preferred site" criteria in the State net-metering rules. It does not indicate overall support for the project. The Selectboard is still considering these requests. If the Town agrees, it will be added to the next available RPC Board agenda.

9. Update on Multi-Town Planning Project

- a. Jason Rasmussen reported that the towns of Weathersfield, West Windsor and Windsor are preparing a consortium Municipal Planning Grant application for an outdoor recreation planning project.

10. Adjourn

- a. *Joe Fromberger made a motion to adjourn. Second by Logan Nicoll. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Rasmussen