

Hardwick Planning Commission
April 10, 2018
Hardwick Memorial Building
Minutes

HPC Members Present: Dave Gross, Chair; Ken Davis; Jim Lewis; and Cynthia Grant

HPC members Absent: Diane Grenkow; Joyce Mandeville; and Shawn Ainsworth

Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator (ZA)

Chair Gross opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Ken Davis made the motion to approve the agenda with a slight change to discussion order. Jim Lewis seconded. All members were in favor.

Ken Davis moved to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes for the Planning Commission meeting as written, Cynthia Grant seconded. All members were in favor.

Discussion turned to the 45 day notice from Novus Energy regarding the proposed solar array off of Arsene Avenue in East Hardwick (See Attached information packet). Location and intent (solar) were received favorably. The location in the gravel pit should be beneficial (especially with appropriate reclamation plantings). The proposed array should not be visible from Route 16 or from the rail trail. The proposed site is between two lengths of the rail trail but neither length is immediately adjacent to the gravel pit.

Ken Davis made the following motion "At the present time, the Hardwick Planning Commission finds that the proposed development (Novus Energy off of Arsene Avenue) will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the municipality." Cynthia Grant provided the second. All members were in favor. Section 248 entitles planning commissions to make recommendations to the Commission and to the Applicant. No recommendations will be made at this time but support will be duly noted.

Regarding the community outreach for the Municipal plan, members will continue to solicit information for the next month. Approximately 100 questionnaires have been completed. Additional questionnaires are available in the ZA office. A possible location for seeking input would be the Town Offices on Tax payment day (Thursday, May 10 from 7 am to 7 pm).

The Hardwick Select Board supported the pursuit of the East Hardwick Village Center designation. East Hardwick will be hosting a community gathering on May 6th from 3-5 pm at the Grange Hall on Church Street.

The next HPC meeting will be on May 8, 2018.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ken Davis and seconded by Cynthia Grant. All were in favor.

Board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Leahy, ZA