

Hardwick Planning Commission
February 13, 2018
Hardwick Memorial Building
Minutes

HPC Members Present: Dave Gross, Chair; Ken Davis; Jim Lewis; Joyce Mandeville; and Shawn Ainsworth

HPC members Absent: Cynthia Grant; Diane Grenkow

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 as published. Joyce Mandeville seconded. All members were in favor.

Shawn Ainsworth moved to approve the January 9, 2018 minutes for the Planning Commission meeting as written, Ken Davis seconded. All members were in favor.

Discussion turned to the Municipal Plan. A questionnaire with "What places do you love in Hardwick?" was crafted during the past month. (See attached) The final version was distributed to Planning Commission members. Members will reach out to the community for the following two months. Compilation of results will transpire after the April meeting.

Outreach Shawn Ainsworth – American Legion and a Hazen Basketball game.
Ken Davis – Smiths, Wood yard, various business establishments
Cynthia Grant – N/A
Diane Grenkow – N/A
Dave Gross – East Hardwick walk-around, mini-mart in East Hardwick
Jim Lewis - Co-op, East Hardwick PO (?)
Joyce Mandeville – Downtown shops

Town Meeting will also be utilized. Other locations /events will be added. Additional questionnaires are available in the ZA office.

HPC members discussed the 45 day notice from the Hardwick Electric Department regarding the proposed solar array near Hardwick Lake. Location and intent (solar) were received favorably. Concern was expressed regarding possible use of land near Hardwick Lake for a recreation campground, etc. However, consensus was reached that the solar siting would not interfere with a campsite or recreation at Hardwick Lake. Furthermore, there are other potential campsite locations available in town.

Shawn Ainsworth made a motion to support the Hardwick Electric Department's solar array project as proposed. Joyce Mandeville provided the second. All board members were in favor. Section 248 entitles planning commissions to make recommendations to the Commission and to the Applicant. No recommendations will be made but support will be duly noted.

Ken Davis reported that he attended the visioning session for the Town Forest. The information derived from this session and the survey will be forwarded to the Planning Commission. Ken noted that the session was well attended with 30-40 people on site.

East Hardwick has a group of individuals who would like to pursue a Village Center designation for East Hardwick. Cheryl Michaels and Tracy Martin will be hosting a walk-about with Richard Amore (State coordinator) at 9:30 am on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. The public is welcome and the visit was noted on Front Porch Forum.

The next HPC meeting will be on March 13, 2018.

The motion to adjourn was made by Shawn Ainsworth and seconded by Jim Lewis. All were in favor.

Board adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Leahy, ZA