

Notes of the Planning Commission Meeting, 6Feb'18

Attendees: Jan Ohlsson, Melanie Kehne, Ron Shaw, Gary Root Ginger/Molasses cookies

Guest speaker: Eric Vorwald, CVRPC, enhanced local energy plan for substantial deference

Eric presented an introduction to the act 174
He will be working with Calais on an energy plan until August and for which there is development money
90 by 50 is the handle for the State's intention of generating 90% of the state's energy use by 2050
Thru conservation, efficiency, generation

174 is an additional municipal standard in order to get "substantial deference" before the PSB

once a regional planning commission has a an approved energy plan the municipalities go to the rpc to get "substantial deference"

174:
locally adopted and regionally approved Plan (we have)
energy plan as in title 24/4348
analysis and targets
pathways (implementation actions)
mapping

Plan does not have to make the action happen, it must only not stand in the way:
in energy section could say "evaluate zoning to ensure backup or storage is not prohibited"

Eric will make a checklist to review parts of our Municipal Plan that are already fully or partially in support of act 174 regs, and what we need to do to complete the process

action needed: look at current use to see if it prohibits solar development

if we amend for energy, then, because of the 'forest integrity' legislation, we will have to at least change language in the Plan to conform to 'forest integrity' language...
And it will mean public hearings.

Discussion on "events" on farms/ what we have and don't have in our regs
State defines as agricultural use and is deciding whether the towns will be allowed to regulate. ?? road use ordinance??

Adjourned 8:50

Note taker: Gary Root