

Calais Planning Commission

Official Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2015

Present Members: Rich Quelch, Jack Russell, Gary Root, Paul Rose, Janice Ohlsson, and Betsy Parah.

Visitors:

Calais Energy Group

- Karin McNeil
- Tim Maker

Calais Energy Group

- How they formed (less than a year ago)
- Mission - to reduce energy usage and move away from fossil fuels in Calais
- Vision - support the State of Vermont in its commitment to dramatically increase efficiency in all sectors of the Vermont energy economy and achieve 90 percent renewable energy by 2050.
- Trusted advisors
- Created a transportation subcommittee
- Beginning outreach
- Solar research (looking to form solar subcommittee)
- VEIC
- Status of Town Plan
- Partnerships?
 - o Outreach – backing each other up
 - o Support transit route to Calais (GMTA) (\$8,000 to \$12,000 a year)
 - Team with surrounding towns
 - Attend meetings
 - o Sighting and mitigation of energy projects
- Add language in Town Plan and Zoning Regulations describing type/size of supported renewable energy projects
- Add language in Town Plan and Zoning Regulations on visual impact
- Will email comments on the Energy section to the Town Plan

Town Plan Public Hearing

- Reviewed areas of interest
- Link areas of the Town Plan to the Zoning Regulations
- Add section numbers and hot links from Town Plan sections to areas of Zoning Regulations

To Do List

- Rich will email out the current “To Do” list

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the January^{20th} meeting were approved without change by voice vote. (6-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Notes recorded by Rich Quelch