Brownington Planning Commission
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Town Clerk's Office
6:30 P.M.

Attended by: Bill Davis(chair), Byron Burdick, Pat Cooper, Mark Hastings, Jane Greenwood, Larry Thompson, Larry Faust, Amey Dettmer, Kate Wolff

Absent: None

1. Call the meeting to order: Bill Davis, 6:30 PM

2. Additions to the agenda- none

3. Approve minutes of last meeting, motioned to approve by Larry Thompson, seconded by Jane. No discussions, no edits. All in favor. No opposition.

4. MERP project update
    a. The project is nearly concluded, there is $25,000 left.
        i. EV Charging station might be reconsidered- and it could be free for anyone from the solar panels. This could be covered by the offset that we get from solar. And could be put in by Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, and we can talk to them at the energy fair. They are offering a program for municipalities that we can look into.
            1. We would need a 220 charger, level C.
        ii. Current solar is 4.2 megawatts that was generated in April. This is significant.
            1. This extra amount can also possibly offset the price of any street lights.
    b. MERP Grant Celebration is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 10 am**. Members of Vermont Buildings, Grounds and General Services MERP team will start at the Town Clerk's Office and progress to the Town Garage. Also attending, Carter Finegan, MERP coordinator from NVDA.

5. MERP Mini grant - Energy Fair Scheduled for May 30th from 9-3

a. Food- For the Love of Food -
    i. Bill got the contract for the food currently for 50 people, and Bill is considering increasing this to 100 people.
    ii. We looked at the menu, 1659.53 is the quote for 50 meals.
b. School -
    i. Contract and Insurance rider will be completed by next week. The use of the school is free for us.
c. Postcard and flyer created by Amey
    i. Bill also plans to put flyers around town (orleans) in the stores and grocery stores
d. Mailing -
    i. Amey, Pat & Bill completed this last week
e. Vendors -
    i. Byron will send all vendors a reminder email this saturday.
    ii. There is currently 10 vendors
f. Tables ??
    i. We need to see if the school can provide us with tables.
    ii. Jane will see if we can borrow tables from the museum.
    iii. Amey will bring her own table for craft table.
g. Donations of non-pherisable food items for the center church foodshelf
h. Advertising
    i. NVDA advertised this on their Energy program newsletter.
    ii. Vermont Leagues of Cities and towns also advertised this.
    iii. St. Johnsbury and Craftsbury reached out to see what we are doing here and want to see how we did this.
    iv. Kate sent a notice into the chronicle
    v. Kate will write up a press release to explain what we are doing, to provide news worthy history. This is free.
i. Kids Craft Table
    i. Amey printed all sorts of energy related coloring sheets, and will bring other craft items to occupy kids so families can participate.
j. No one has heard anything from the community regarding questions about the energy fair.
k. Tasks of the planning commission:
    i. Bill is going to put together a powerpoint for the fair.
        1. Amey can bring a projector and screen

ii. We need a sign up sheet for people to sign up with contact information who might be interested in supporting/providing input into a town trail. Amey will make a map of the potential idea of the trail.
iii. BPC members need to be there by 8 to help vendors set up and get the place set up.
    1. Kate will not be there.

6. Act 181, Tier 3 & Road rule, S 325
    a. S325 is in committee but it passed the house and the senate
    b. Act 181 road rule and tier 3 have been taken out.

7. Town land - Trail system
    a. Pat has been in contact with Northwoods: Dusty is very busy training staff and she has not heard back.
    b. Considerations of following Northwoods suggestion to the 10 steps to build a town forest trail: https://vtcommunityforestry.org/projects/town-forests/recreation-planning-toolkit/step-step-planning-process
        i. We need a map, and then could potentially do a community survey.

8. Next meeting date: June 17th at 6:30 PM

9. Adjourn. Motion by Larry Thompson, seconded by Mark. All in favor.