

**Planning Commission Board  
(Hybrid) Town Office and Zoom  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Members Present:** Bryce Bacheldar, Dan Larivee, Dianna Benoit Kittell, Rolland Rainville, Cyrus Grennon

**Guests:** Luke Slomba- NRPC, Marlena Valenta, Jordan Bushey- Asst. Clerk

**Call to order-** Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:09

- **Approval of minutes from March** – Dan/Rolland made a motion to approve the March minutes. All members voted in favor; motion passed 5-0.

Just need to adjust the date that the amendments were approved at the Selectboard meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Enhanced Energy Plan review- Energy Planner-** Marlena Valenta presented-
- PC doesn't want to be told what they can and cannot use to heat with. Would like to see some wording changed to have more freedom.

Enhanced energy plan is not required to be adopted. But adopting one will allow town to have a say at the state level.

- In other towns, where does money come from for solar projects? Developers pay for this, no state money going into these projects.
- Franklin does not have many options for renewable energy; no hydro dam, not much wind for turbines, etc. Only good option is wood.
- Would like to add that Franklin supports the use of wood as a renewable energy.
- PC will look at the plan, and come up with some feedback, and make changes as needed. Would like to adopt this plan, but need to adjust some wording. There is flexibility to add and/or remove certain parts. There are some requirements that need to be met, but Marlena can make sure they are met after changes are made.

**Old business-**

- **NRPC – Town plan update review-** Luke Slomba presented- reviewed the conservation land map. Is there a tax break for having this land in conservation? Not sure. Some restrictions are that wet lands and steep slopes cannot be developed (so people don't cause erosion risk when digging)
- May not need a conservation district- if someone wants to subdivide and build on their land, then they should be able to. PC would not feel comfortable making those changes without talking to the property owners.
- **Budget discussion-** Lisa suggested that if the PC wants to include 'conversations with engineers' or 'outside consultant' into their budget, they should plan accordingly for the next fiscal year. Would propose \$500. If it gets passed, and they don't end up using that money, then they wouldn't need to ask for it again.

**Public Comments:** none

**Mail:** none

**Any concerns of members or community:**

Dan/Cyrus made a motion to adjourn at 8:21. Next regular meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jordan Bushey, Asst. Town Clerk  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024