

Draft Minutes
Planning Commission
March 9 2022 via Zoom

Present: Ross Davis, Lucas Schulz, Rudy Chase, Linda Ramsdell, Farley Brown, Annie Rowell

Meeting called to order at 7:08

1. Approval of the February 9, 2022 minutes

Lucas moved to accept the minutes February 9th. Gordon seconded. No discussion; minutes approved unanimously.

2. D & K work plan proposal - discussion and vote to recommend to the selectboard (see attachments Craftsbury Village Plan Scope; schedule; budget)

On March 2 Dubois & King(D&K) discussed their work plan for the Craftsbury Village Master Plan project in an informational meeting with the planning commission.

Farley and Alison Lowe(NVDA) have scrutinized their plan, and noted that D&K's Desktop Analysis of Existing Conditions will change because NVDA has money to do mapping for us. Alison Lowe and/or Farley will facilitate community meetings, so that D&K can focus their time and resources on aspects of the plan that don't involve travel and meeting time.

Discussion followed about the challenge of establishing criteria for what the plan will entail and keeping focus on what will benefit the most people and be the best use of resources. The goal is to be solutions based and not stuck in analysis.

Annie moved to recommend that the Selectboard hire DuBois & King as consultants for the Craftsbury Village Master plan project. Gordon seconded the motion, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

3. Potential grant for Craftsbury Academy Microgrid presented by Vince O'Connell (see attachment Rural Energy Pilot Program)

Vince O'Connell joined the meeting at 7:45 to present a proposal for a USDA grant application, seeking a letter of encouragement from the planning commission in recognition of the project's focus on equity and substantial economic and environmental value to the town.

4. Other business

Next meeting April 13 at 7PM.

Gordon moved to adjourn 8:15

