

DRAFT: Cambridge Planning Commission mtg minutes: 6-22-15

In attendance: Jill R, Doug B, April E, Werner B, Michael M

Brian Albarelli- community member

6:45 start

Reviewed Agenda and mail. Brian Albarelli intro added to agenda and no pressing mail concerns.

March meeting minutes were not available for review at this mtg. Both March and June mtg minutes will be under review in July mtg. There was no quorum during the May mtg, so no official meeting/minutes. The May mtg was a conversation with Cambridge LCPC directors about LCPC updates. April mtg was not held.

Discussion of solar siting generally and the proposed projects on Westman Road. The PC has the ability to weigh in on these projects but has not done so. The PC acknowledges that the Public Service Board has fast-tracked all renewable energy projects around traditional act 250 process- effectively eliminating the weight of public input from interested parties such as the PC.

The PC did review the proposals and found them not to appear to effect the general public traveling on Pleasant Valley Road. Adjacent property owners have submitted requests to stay the projects (on grounds they destroy the scenic nature of the area)- as well as VT electric Co-op (projects sited as one project split into two to avoid federal regulatory hassles..).

The PC does note that scenic property harm may be incurred by adjacent property owners, but that this harm could just as easily involve a scenario where multiple homes are developed on the same parcels.....

The PC voted not to weigh in on these proposals at this time as we have not been approached to do so. IT is feasible the PC would weigh in if asked, but this area has never been officially id'ed as special scenic corridor or otherwise. In fact, the PC reached out to pleasant valley landowners to discuss potential scenic zoning designation during most recent zoning adoption discussions- and Pleasant valley residents affirmed they did not believe a pleasant valley scenic zone was necessary. Zoning was not adopted by the town overall during that most recent attempt....

If asked to weigh in on these proposals, the PC would likely opt to complete a site visit of the locations.

Brian Albarelli intro to the PC. Described why he is interested in joining the PC. He is interested in serving his community and the environment and development. His thoughts included conversation on duplication of planning and other municipal functions within the three municipal entities- specifically Jeff and Cambridge planning commissions and planning documents.

The PC voted to nominate Brian to the selectboard for consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding communication btwn the Jeff and Camb PCs. The Town PC has id'ed increased collaboration with municipal entities in and around Cambridge as a long term priority. **Jill R** will reach out to the Jeff PC to find a date we can all meet together.

Michael M will speak to DRB about holding a joint mtg in the near future as well- to discuss revised subdivision regs and implementation steps.

7:30- meeting adjourned