

Panton Planning Commission - Addison County Regional Planning Commission – Local Government Committee/Energy Committee Joint Public Hearing – Bristol, Vermont (Live in Bristol’s Town offices and via ZOOM)

Tuesday, July 20,2021

Members Present: Shannon Haggett – Local Gov’t Chair, Jeremy Grip – Energy Chair, Rich Warren, Cheryl Brinkman, Andrew Manning, Jim Pulver, Ross Conrad

Also Present: Adam Lougee – ACRPC staff, Kris Perlee – Bristol ZA, Kevin Hanson – BPC, Lloyd Dike – BPC, Robert Rooker – BPC, Jeff Lunstead – BPC, Melissa Hernandez – BPC, Jim Quaglino – public, Lynn Dike – public, Peggy (last name unknown) - public

Kevin Hanson called the Bristol Planning Commission to order at 7:00 pm. After brief introductions of everyone in attendance, he turned the meeting over to the ACRPC Local Government and Energy Committees. Shannon Haggett called the Joint Public Hearing to order at 7:05 pm. He then provided a brief overview of the process for the Public Hearing and for the review of Bristol’s Municipal Development Plan and Enhanced Energy Plan.

Shannon Haggett asked Lougee to provide an overview of the staff review, which he did. It was noted the plan is a thorough document that meets all state requirements

Shannon Haggett then opened the floor for questions and comments from the general public and from committee members. Partway through the question and comments period, sever thunderstorms tripped the building’s fire alarm system and the hearing was informally recessed for approximately 15 minutes while the building was evacuated until the Fire Department could reset the alarms and clear the building as safe.

The question and comments session resumed after the group was able to reconvene. Discussion included the process for public outreach, wastewater systems, natural gas systems, clarifications on materials management, public transportation, EV charging and clarifications on the Enhanced Energy Plan. Everyone on the joint committees agreed it was a thorough and informative plan.

Adam Lougee asked the Panton Planning Commission if there were additional assistance or resources the ACRPC could provide. Everyone was happy with what ACRPC is doing and Kevin Hanson stated the assistance Andrew L’Roe and Katie Raycroft-Meyer provided in the planning process was greatly appreciated.

No other questions or comments were presented.

Cheryl Brinkman made a motion that the Local Government and Energy Committees recommend to the full Addison County Regional Planning Commission, confirmation of the planning process of the town of Bristol and to regionally approve Bristol’s Town Plan and Enhanced Energy Plan. Jeremy Grip seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Shannon Haggett noted the recommendation to the full commission would occur at the next full commission meeting scheduled for September 8, 2021.

With no other business, Shannon Haggett closed the hearing at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Haggett – Chair, Local Government Committee