Peru Planning Commission Approved Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, 14 November 2018

Present:

Stewart Beattie, Chair
Peter Robertson, Vice Chair
Lucas Hughes, Clerk
LJ Petra
Jon Mowry

Hal Wilkins, Zoning Administrator Catherine Bryars, Senior Planner, BRCPC

PC Chair Stewart Beattie opened the meeting at 7:05 PM

There were no visitors and no request for changes to the Agenda

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Following a brief review, a **Motion** was made by Peter Robertson and seconded by LJ Petra to approve the minutes with minor corrections. The Motion was approved unanimously.

BCRPC Senior Planner Catherine Bryars then presented the Planning Commission with maps that identified the potential solar and wind sites in Peru, outlined the tasks ahead for the PC:

Discuss site locations and participation in the identification and development of approximately 30 acres of renewable energy installations within the town at the following commercial locations:

- The Lodge at Bromley
- Johnny Seesaw's
- Tri-Mountain Farms
- Bromley Resort
- Burr & Burton Mountain Campus
- Peru Town Properties
- Others

This information will be further discussed by the PC at the December meeting.

A **Motion** was made by Jon Mowry, seconded by LJ Petra, to have the ZA meet with the Selectboard to request their general consideration of and support for the identification of some areas of town property that could be developed as renewable energy project sites.

The motion was unanimously approved and the ZA will advise PC members of the date when this request will be presented to the SB.

Discussion followed concerning the aesthetics of solar arrays, the need to ensure that the zoning bylaws provide for adequate screening of all commercial activities.

A **Motion** was made by Jon Mowry and seconded by Lucas Hughes to approach owners and managers of commercial properties in town regarding their interest in making land available for renewable energy installations. Following discussions, the Motion did not receive the support of a majority of the members present.

Discussion followed concerning PC / ZBA joint review of future pending application. The requirements of Zoning Bylaw **Section 4.3** Site Plan Approval - will dictate the procedure to be followed.

At 9:10 PM, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Jon Mowry, seconded by LJ Petra, and then unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, 12 December at 7 PM at the Peru Town Office.

These minutes were approved at the 9 January 2019 meeting of the Peru Planning Commission.