

Planning Commission – 9/30/20

Town Plan Discussion

Present: Laura Ginsburg, Janet Wells, Nancy Chapman, Izzy Provoncha, Brenda Field

Guests: Conservation Commission members - Todd Tyson, Betsy Gaiser, Susan Salster, Maureen McCullough

Started meeting at 6:40

Kevin gives overview of process and meaning of words (should not vs. shall not make a difference if we need to uphold Town Plan), Act 250, Act 248 – energy, plan is meant to give overview of what town wants to do – policies must match town plan and need to be clear

Next steps – PC holds posted hearing with public (online and print distro), then posted hearing with SB

Major change from last review – land use maps

Village center policies – language did not match additions from most recent plan update that include “shall”

- #2 and # 4 – “should” to “shall”
- #8 commercial solar

Energy committee does not support wind energy development per state wind energy map. Energy committee does support small scale wind and solar as appropriate for the location.

Subdivision policies only if Act 250 triggered – minimize intrusions into interior sections and minimize fragmentation

Made it about 50% through plan, will continue at next meeting