

Worcester Planning Commission

MINUTES

September 9th, 5:30-6:30 via Zoom

Attending Members: Chani Waterhouse, Toni Kaeding, Will Baker

Guest: Amy Thornton joined at 5:45.

Meeting called to order at 5:33.

Housekeeping

Minutes of July 18th Planning Commission Meeting were approved.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Toni updated the group. The finished copy was approved by the selectboard, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and filed with Vermont Emergency Management.

Homeshare Vermont – Discussed outreach and how we might publicize the program.

Net Metering Letter – discussed draft letter drafted by the Energy Task Force members. The economic impact of net metering in areas covered by different electric utilities has disparate impacts. Costs of net metering are spread to rate payers in that utility, but with a more severe impact to smaller, residential and rural utility customers than customers of larger utilities. The letter contains a proposal for the State to change rules so that the costs of net metering are spread state-wide.

Energy Task Force – Chani will update the group further in October.

Action Items:

We have had limited movement on action items due to busy activity of the Energy Task Force and updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan in July. No action taken. Other items will be taken up in October.

Other Discussion:

Amy Thornton discussed possibilities for state funding of water calming and mitigation efforts on private lands. Private landowners observe the water flowing off their eroded land onto public roads, but do not receive funding for solving this problem.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25.