

**DOVER PLANNING COMMISSION
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7:00 pm

Town Office

Minutes of the Dover Planning Commission

Dover Commissioners Present: Tim Chock, Kevin Stine, Nicolas Wallaert.

Others present: Brendan McGrail

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Nicolas.

Minutes of meeting of 8/21/17 approved on motion by Tim, 2nd by Nicolas.

Kevin Stine has joined the Planning Commission. Welcome aboard, Kevin!

Prospective Planning Commissioner

The PC interviewed Brendan McGrail for a position as Planning Commissioner. The Planning Commission will now propose his appointment to the Select Board.

Energy Planning

Nico, Kevin, and Tim compared notes from their various conversations with WRC's John Bennett. As we understand it, for the immediate future Dover has the following options:

1. Undertake to draft a complete Energy Plan as provided for by Act 174. Such a plan would include targets for such variables as number of electric vehicles in use and land area devoted to solar photovoltaic generation in the town. WRC has started this process with three pilot towns (Vernon, Westminster, and Londonderry) and is talking with several others. It will be several months before Dover could start this process. The Town of Westminster could be a good resource for experience with costs and timeline.
2. Pass an addendum to the existing Energy Chapter of the Town Plan. A more comprehensive and specific planning element could be drafted and incorporated into the Town Plan, which would then go through the public hearing process and require Select board approval.

In the meantime, The PC has to wait and see how this goes for the pilot towns and others looking into the Act 174 process, with an eye to getting something started in the spring at earliest. Windham Regional Commission will update the Energy Resources Chapter in March/April 2018.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by Tim Chock, secretary