

Ryegate Planning and Zoning Commission
Unapproved Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2023

In Attendance: Chair, Rick Colby, Mary Dole, Nancy Perkins, Alice Allen, Wally Bragg, Fremont Nelson, Steve Genereaux Zoning Administrator: Dennis Marquise Regina Hazel, Ex-officio member
Public: Carl Bayer, Michael McLellan, Bill and Jenny Nelson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Regina, in the secretary's absence, read the minutes from the June 19, 2023 meeting. On a motion by Alice, and seconded by Nancy, the minutes were approved as written.

Under public comment, Carl Bayer reported on the Resiliency Hub program through Green Mountain Power. An example is a micro-grid is explained in a video of Paton VT's use of one. Carl will look for the video link and send out. He has made contact with GMP regarding the program and its possibilities for Ryegate.

Regina reported that the Select Board appointed the Energy Committee as an official Town committee at their July 24th meeting. The members are: Kate Davie & Michael McLellan Co-Chairs, Carl Bayer Secretary, Donna Waelter Publicity, Alice Allen P&Z, Peter Sinclair, and Gail Brown. As a town committee, the Open Meeting Law will be followed.

In addition, the Select Board approved the Solar Siting Standard amendment to the Town Plan as written by P&Z on June 26m 2023 meeting—effective 21 days later.

Michael McLellan reported that Blue Mountain Community Solar will be working with the Genereaux's on a community solar project. They have thirty interested parties in the project.

Dennis Marquise was introduced and welcomed as the town's new Zoning Administrator. Bill & Jenny explained their interest in a property border re-alignment. Dennis explained that any changes must first be resolved with the Land Trust before working with Zoning.

The Planning Commission needs to start working on the revisions to the Town Plan. Regina will contact NVDA regarding their involvement. Subcommittee includes Steve, Nancy, Kate, and Alice.

Rick reminded the group that the meeting schedule has been changed to the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

On a motion by Steve and seconded by Alice, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dole