

Brighton Planning Commission Minutes

April 4, 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Brighton Planning Commission held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 4:00 PM in the town hall in Island Pond. In attendance were Jeanne Gervais, Scott Gowdy, Bill Hawkins, Ted Grout, Jennifer Hanlon, Jerry Goupee, Joel Cope.

1. Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 4:00 Pm
2. The commission heard from Jennifer Hanlon, who lives on Arthur John Road, about the increased traffic on that road. The road is in a remote location and even though it meets the Class 3 road legal standard, it is narrow enough that two cars must be careful passing each other at certain points. Jennifer urged the commission to consider taking an active role in addressing the traffic problem on the road. Workers for the maple company, as well as construction traffic for the maple company, use the road and Jennifer says there is speeding and other issues. The fact that the project is in Ferdinand while Brighton gets the traffic is of concern. Jenn suggested looking into the DRB permit and the Act 250 permit to see if this traffic is part of their earlier permit. She wanted the Planning commission to consider the difference between a regular sugaring operation, which is agricultural, and this operation which seems almost more industrial. The commission thanked Jenn for her comments, but made no decisions.
3. The board continued its review of the zoning bylaw.
4. The board heard an update on zoning issues from the Zoning Administrator Joel Cope.
5. Joel made copies for the board of the alert from Energize Vermont on Senate bill 230 on the siting of renewable energy projects in the town. No action taken.
6. The board reviewed the Hazard Mitigation strategies proposed in the draft HMP plan.
7. The meeting adjourned at 5:17.