

# Brighton Planning Commission Minutes

## October 3, 2016 Meeting

Minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting of the Brighton Planning Commission, held in the town hall in Island Pond at 4:00 PM. Attending were Jeanne Gervais, Scott Gowdy, Ted Grout, Joel Cope and Ed Barber from the Newport Daily Express.

1. Jeanne called the meeting to order at 4:00.
2. No Updates to the agenda
4. The board approved the minutes of September 19, 2016.
5. Zoning Administrator: Joel reported on zoning activity.
6. The board reviewed copies of the draft energy siting standards being proposed for municipalities by the Department of Public Service (DPS). A municipality that met these standards in their town plan could get “Substantial Deference” by the state as to placement of energy projects, rather than get only “Due Consideration.” However, the 16-page checklist of standards are very burdensome and beyond the normal expectations of the Planning Commission, such that a consultant would need to be hired. A town could go through the process, get some deference that can easily be ignored by the state if they really want the project constructed. The board declined to pursue “Substantial Deference” in their current town planning.
7. Meeting adjourned at 4:45

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