



# Village of Manchester, Vermont

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

Held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

**Members Present:** Chair Audrey Kolloff, Anthony MacLaurin, Renee Waller, Lu French, Jock Lawrason

**Member(s) Absent:** Vice-Chair Richard Heilemann

**Others Present:** Catherine Bryars, BCRC, Mark Anders, BCRC, Jim Hand, Karen Jernigan, Power Guru, Eric Scott, Administrative Officer and PC Clerk

The meeting was held electronically per 1 V.S.A. § 312 (2) (D) on the Zoom platform.

Chair Audrey Kolloff called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

### Minutes:

On a motion by MacLaurin seconded by Waller, the Planning Commission voted to approve the corrected draft minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

### Business:

Discussion regarding the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) - Mark Anders, BCRC

Catherine Bryars, BCRC introduced Mark Anders, BCRC, Transportation Program Manager and he explained to the Commission the transportation component of the recently awarded MPG. Bryars stated that Anders was better situated to represent the BCRC regarding this MPG. Anders told the Commission that he would begin scheduling a Kick-Off meeting, work on maps and collect current conditions. Orland Campbell, President of the Board of Trustees is the Village contact and stated that, "check-ins" would be between the BCRC and the Planning Commission and the Commission would serve as the steering committee for this MPG.

Continued discussion on the draft energy chapter and next steps – Catherine Bryars, BCRC

This meetings focus was specifically the solar paragraph in the *Local Constraints, Siting Requirements, and Prohibited Areas* section of chapter 10.7. Past drafts prohibited solar ground arrays in the Historic Core and Preservation Design Control Sub-Districts. The challenge was to find way to be less prohibitive and respect the historic nature of these Sub-Districts. Screening was felt could be the compromise. Discussion regarding a solar and commercial screening ordinance or bylaw. Several communities have screening ordinances or bylaws. Bryars will insert language into the draft for comment.

Chair Kolloff stated that she would like to make a presentation to the Board of Trustees at the scheduled April meeting. The Commission will meet prior to the Trustee meeting and after reviewing the new draft by Bryars.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.