

Members Present: Martha Varney, Mark Hunziker, Mark Kane, Greg Heyer, R. Wimble

Public Present: Newt Garland, Greta Brunswick, NRPC, Skip Taylor, Zoning Administrator, Amber Soter, ZA Assistant

7:07 PM- **G. Heyer** called the meeting to order.

7: 15 PM – Proposed letter from Selectboard to Vermont Public Service Board regarding proposed wind turbines in Swanton was discussed and some suggestions provided. **M. Kane** will draft up suggestions and **A. Soter** will present to Selectboard.

7:30 PM – Discussion and brainstorming session with **G. Brunswick** regarding Solar Array Screening Standards. There was review of our regulation definition of “screening”. The board discussed the desire to prioritize screening wants. For example, they prefer for the natural land contours to be the first choice in screening.

The Board decided to work with the NRPC to create a Solar Array Screening Standard Ordinance and amend the Fairfax Development Regulations if necessary. This Ordinance would be implemented by a recommendation by the Selectboard or the DRB. The Planning Commission discussed who should be responsible for implementing the Ordinance if approved and discussion focused on the DRB as they are presented with the opportunity to enforce and regulate screening standards on a more regular basis.

G. Brunswick will put together some screening standards compiling the discussion and present it to the Planning Commission in a month.

The Planning Commission’s next scheduled meeting is November 3, 2015.

9:10 PM - **M. Hunzinker** moved to approve the minutes from September 1, 2015; **M. Varney** 2nd. All in favor.

General Planning Commission Business and future agenda discussion.

9:25 PM- **M. Varney** moved to adjourn; **M. Hunzkier** 2nd. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Soter, Planning and Zoning Assistant

Signed: _____ Date: _____
For the Planning Commission

These draft minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.