

Town Plan Hearing  
April 17, 2017

Selectboard Members present: Gordon Richardson, Mary O'Brien, Matt Peeler, Joe Olmstead  
Town Manager: Bob Stacey

Public present: Roger Shepard, Jay Boeri, Laura Bergstresser, Nancy Tuzinski (Hartland Public Library Director) Richard Brousseau, Elaine Brousseau, Tom Kennedy, Julie Abernathy, Noah Abernathy, Bob Bibby, Chiho Kaneko

Roger explained the few changes in the new plan including a newly required section on "Implementation". Also, brought the statistics up to date. Jay explained that the Selectboard that the implementation of the development on slopes of 25% slope or greater would only apply for Act 250 permit applications. The Plan beefed up the economic development section also. The I91 intersection area is allowed to have businesses that will not compete with village businesses. No changes in lines demarking land use areas. Town facilities section needs to be reviewed at some point for possible future needs. Library facilities sections needs a few minor corrections.  
Hearing adjourned at 5:54pm.

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Signed orders.

Approved minutes from the meeting on April 3, 2017.

Old Business

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New Business:

1. Kirk Shields (Green Mountain Power), Rod Viens (GroSolar), Tom Kennedy (Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District) made a presentation of GMP's plan to construct a 4.99 MW solar array and 2 MW battery storage on GUV land. It will use approximately 35 acres. This project will pay the bulk of the transmission infrastructure which will be a large improvement for their neighbor Twin State Sand & Gravel. They hope to be operating by fall of 2018. Permitting is about to commence. All traffic will use Quarry Road for access. The land, once tree removal and stumping are completed, will remain relatively the same, no changes in contours. The power generated will be used locally first, and then outward on to the electrical grid if any excess is available. Most of the wood harvested from the cleared area will be used for pulp – not much value in the wood. The project is expected to last 25-35 years. The area will be maintained by periodic mowing. An eight foot fence will be erected around the entire project. GUV will receive \$60,000 annually which will reduce the Town's appropriation yearly. Taxes are expected to amount to \$25-35,000 annually for the municipal side. Another approximate \$20,000 will go toward the education tax. GMP would like a letter of support from the Selectboard soon.
2. Chiho Kaneko, President of Hartland Community Arts, explained the need for improved and additional theatrical lights for the auditorium in Damon Hall. She wanted know how the Board feels about upgrading the lights in order to increase the quality of theatrical performances. Side bars mounted to the side walls of the auditorium would be the primary improvement. She also requested constructing a petition wall in the tech booth to reduce noise which the Board approved.

Next regular meeting Monday, May 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Stacey  
Temporary Clerk