

Sutton Planning Commission Minutes

July 26, 2021 @ 6:00 pm at Fire Station

1. Call to order by Chair Savoy @ 6:07 pm.
2. Attendees included Byron Savoy, Chair along with members Rob Simms, Darlene Ahrens and Clerk Paul Brouha.

There were no additions/deletions to proposed agenda.

Draft minutes of 5/24 meeting were read by the clerk. Byron moved acceptance; second by Darlene; motion passed.

3. Old business
Energy Committee update—Darlene Ahrens reported she, Maurice Guertin, Byron Savoy, and Paul Brouha will serve as measurers for Window Dressers and will attend August 3rd training. Additional volunteers needed--have 50 windows subscribed (with town office and two in Burke). Darlene has applied for two grants to cover costs--\$2,000 will go directly to families and \$150 to Sutton Church. Things are progressing well. The committee is thinking of developing energy dashboard for the town. Byron and Darlene went knocking on doors and were well received—will try again.
4. New business
NEK Broadband update—Rob Simms provided July 12th handout and deferred more detail to next meeting when NEK Broadband CUD Chair Evan Carlson might be available. Gov. Scott has made \$150 million of ARPA money available (\$40 million to our CUD). Business plan proposes 100 Mbps speed to 33,336 customers in NEK over 2800 miles of fiber strung on existing utility poles at a cost of \$75/month. Infrastructure bill in Congress may provide additional funds.

Commission/Board position descriptions—group discussed development of PDs and agreed they were a good idea for chair, members, clerk, energy committee chair. They will help prospective volunteers better understand what each position entails (knowledge, skills, abilities). Alison Low @ NVDA is soliciting examples from her colleagues across the state.

Snowmobile and ATV Ordinance updates—group agreed there was nothing forcing update of Snowmobile Ordinance but it needs to be done. Current situation with ATV Ordinance is too unclear to suggest action.

5. Darlene moved to adjourn @ 7:07, Byron seconded and motion passed.

Submitted,

Paul Brouha, Clerk