

Sutton Planning Commission
May 28, 2019
6:00 pm at Town Office

In attendance: Paul Brouha (chair), Hank Parker, Darlene Ahrens, Byron Savoy, Martha Tack, Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM.
2. One addition was made to the proposed agenda: (under Old Business) to include Sutton Energy Committee update/next steps.
3. In the absence of copies, reading/acceptance of draft minutes of last PC meeting (4.23.19) and DRB meeting (5.14.19) was tabled to the next regular meeting (6.25.19).
4. Old business

Darlene presented an updated draft of the Sutton Community Survey, 2019 which will be used as a basis for the next amendment to the Town Plan and from which data will create a baseline to compare future town energy needs. The group discussed survey delivery options (by computer-based program, US mail, after return of SASE and postcard announcement); there was general agreement the Selectboard should be asked to approve raffle prizes to enhance participation. The survey has been included in the current budget.

Paul moved to approve the draft survey with discussed additions and to advance it to the Select Board for consideration/approval. Hank seconded; Motion passed. It was agreed Darlene will present the draft survey to the Selectboard at their regular June meeting.

Darlene discussed the progress of the Sutton Energy Committee which met 5.21.19. New members Elizabeth Hubbard and Mary Waldron were proposed to be added to the Committee. In addition, the committee proposed revisions to its charter and detailed their near-term projects.

Paul moved and Hank seconded new member additions to the Energy Committee. The motion passed. It was agreed the proposed revisions to the charter would be advanced to the Selectboard for their consideration/approval and that Darlene will present them.

5. New business

Paul read his letter to the Selectboard in which a recruitment plan for Sutton PC/DRB was detailed. There was general agreement to propose P. Seymour as a regular member, replacing Chip Devenger who resigned in April. A general discussion ensued about the need to recruit younger members with different perspectives to replace older/long-time members—there was general agreement on that strategy.

6. Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

These minutes prepared by Martha Tack, Clerk