

TOWN OF SWANTON
DRAFT MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Swanton Town Office Building
1 Academy Street, Swanton, VT 05488

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Jim Hubbard
Ed Daniel
Ross Lavoie
Sara Luneau-Swan
Andy Larocque

Town Officials

David Jescavage, Town Administrator
Yaasha Wheeler, Secretary

Also present:

Ed Adrian, Town Attorney
Joel Clark
Greg Pierce
Michelle Deslandes
Marie Tremblay
Tom Benton, St. Albans Messenger

A. Call to Order

Mr. Hubbard opened the hearing at 7:08 p.m. He stated that the special meeting.

B. Agenda Review

Mr. Daniel added "Email" under Any Other Necessary Business.

C. The Swanton Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to discuss a written response to a complaint of violation of Vermont's Open Meetings Law as is required by 1 V.S.A. 314(b)(2).

Mr. Hubbard stated: "I move that we find that we go into executive session for the Planning Commission to receive confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing legal services to the Planning Commission and to discuss probable civil litigation to which the Planning Commission may be a party, either of which premature general public knowledge thereof would clearly place the Planning Commission at a substantial disadvantage." Mr. Lavoie seconded the motion.

Mr. Hubbard added: "I move that, based on our just made findings, that premature disclosure would place the Planning Commission at a substantial disadvantage, and that the Planning Commission go into executive session." Mrs. Luneau-Swan seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Planning Commission entered executive session at 7:10 p.m.

The Planning Commission exited their executive session at 8:18 p.m. Mr. Hubbard stated that the Planning Commission had deliberated with the town attorney, Mr. Ed Adrian, regarding a written response about a complaint of violation. The town attorney would send the letter to the Belisles.

Mr. Daniel suggested, "Maybe it's time to go on a town email server and have an address, so when we come and go, the Town's got all the information."

Mr. Jescavage said that the public records request had been discussed. He asked Mr. Adrian if the emails that would be sent to Mr. Iarrapino could be posted for the public to read? Mr. Adrian said that they could be. Mr. Jescavage said they could set up a place on the town's website specifically for the gathering of information relating to this matter.

Mr. Hubbard said that the applicant of Swanton Wind had asked the Planning Commission to respond to their July 18th letter. The Planning Commission would make that response available to the public.

The Planning Commission would meet next on August 17th at 7 p.m.

Mr. Lavoie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daniel to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yaasha Wheeler
Swanton Planning Commission Secretary

Jim Hubbard

Ed Daniel

Andy Larocque

Ross Lavoie

Sara Luneau-Swan