Windham Planning Commission 1/8/20

Meeting called to order at 6:33.

Present: Jeff Wheeler, Tom Johnson, Bill Dunkel, Kate Wright (meeting minutes)

Bill reviewed the meeting minutes from previous meeting on 11/13.

Jeff moved to accept meeting minutes of 11/13, Tom seconded, all agreed.

Maureen Bell submitted our paperwork to Windham Regional Commission for approval of Town Plan to make sure our town plan is in sync with the regional plan. Also asked for a Certificate of Energy Compliance to ensure that our Enhanced Energy Plan complies with the Windham Regional Energy Plan and the state's Comprehensive Energy Plan.

Bill asked whether we should create a summary of the zoning regulations for the public to check before referring to the complete Zoning Regulations. All agreed. Kate suggested we might create a simple flow chart.

Bill reviewed what might be included in such a document. Jeff knows of other towns having a checklist for zoning applications which the committee agreed would be a good place to start. Question of what requires a zoning permit ~ changes to how a property would be appraised? All agree that this doc should be very simple.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 12th. Suggestion to announce at Town Meeting that a simple document / flow chart of applying for a zoning application is being created.

Jeff will get to Bill examples of what he has seen as checklists to navigate zoning applications.

Jeff raised the question of whether the PC should get an estimate of the cost of installing waste treatment plants for the North and South Windham villages to promote economic development. Bill suggested broaching the question to the Select Board. Tom thought this might be premature considering that the town is in the beginning stages of community values mapping with the intention of trying to develop a vision for the future of Windham. Bill suggested asking the S.B. to put this issue on a future meeting agenda. Jeff will speak with a solid waste management contractor he knows for advice.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30PM in the town office.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jeff, seconded by Tom, all agreed at 7:17.