

December 6, 2016 Minutes Rochester Planning Commission

Present: Sandy Haas, Julie Martin, Dan McKinley, Joan Pontious.

Call to Order: Dan Called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

New Business: Discussion of John's report on his attendance at an Act 174 Energy Planning Standards meeting. Act 174 of 2016 establishes a set of municipal and regional energy planning standards which, if met, allow those plans to carry greater weight (“substantial deference” vs “due consideration”) before the Public Service Board in the siting process for energy generation. Participation is voluntary and requires the Town Plan to explicitly address energy across all sectors and identify both potential and unsuitable areas for siting renewable energy resources.

Due to the complexity of the undertaking, The Board agreed with John's assessment that we defer action on this till our next Town Plan update in 2018. Dan will inquire about seeking a grant from Two Rivers Regional Planning Commission for assistance in the plan update to start in late 2017, at which time we can get a sense of what other towns have done with this process.

Other: Dan spoke of an upcoming meeting with area towns concerning flood resilience.

Minutes: Sandy moved to accept minutes with amendments. All in favor; so voted.

Adjourn: Sandy moved to adjourn at 6:35 PM. All in favor; so voted, Next meeting to be held on Jan 3, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Pontious, Secretary