



Commission Development Committee

Minutes from March 6, 2025

This was a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023, extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

Chair Douglas McNally called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Present:

Douglas McNally, Windsor, Committee Chair

Buck Donovan, Lee

Kyle Hanlon, North Adams

BRPC Staff: Thomas Matuszko, Laura Brennan

Not Present:

Malcolm Fick, Great Barrington (non-voting Commission Chair)

Pedro Pachano, Great Barrington

II. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2024

Kyle Hanlon moved to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024 meeting. Buck Donovan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Discussion of potential topics for May 29th, 2025 5th Thursday event

Tom shared with the group that we are still attempting to confirm Kurt Gaertner from EOEEA to speak regarding the state's comprehensive land use plan. Kurt was unavailable in January. A request for the May meeting has been sent. Committee members agreed this was a good plan. Laura B. reminded attendees that renewable energy, specifically solar siting, was discussed previously as another possible topic. Tom indicated that EOEEA is developing solar siting guidelines. There may also be other presenters who could address solar guidelines. The format would be similar to the previous 5th Thursday, 4-6pm at Mazzeo's if the downstairs space is available.

IV. Appointment of Nominating Subcommittee

Kyle made a motion to appoint Douglas, Buck and himself as participants in the Nominating Subcommittee. Buck seconded. All members present agreed to serve on the Nominating Subcommittee to address the slate of officers for FY26 through a roll call vote. The group discussed a potential meeting schedule prior to the March 31st expiration of remote meeting allowances, and prior to the upcoming Executive Committee meeting on April 3rd. The group tentatively scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, March 25th at 5.

V. Adjournment

Kyle Hanlon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Buck Donovan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Documents and Exhibits Used:

Draft Minutes of December 5th Commission Development Committee meeting