

Buxton Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes for November 18th, 2019

-Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

-Members in attendance were Mark Blier, Cliff Thomas, Galen Cunning. The minutes from October 14th, 2019 were approved 3-0, with 2 members absent.

- The meeting was abridged as there were members away on other business. The attending members focused on updates of continuing committee projects:

Bar Mills Town Owned Property: A buyer for the town-owned Towle St. lot has inquired about the lot. Any sale of town-owned property supplies the general fund. Mark may try to find a suitable arrangement in the new year.

Emery O Ranch: After hearing that the buildings will be demolished, an heir and their legal representative contacted the town. All of the heirs must be found and in agreement to challenge the town's ownership of the property. This is a large task and the town will address the ownership question if the effort proves fruitful. Perhaps the demolition costs could be recouped if there is indeed a successful challenge.

Town Hall Open Space: Jim is working to designate the open space boundaries. Next, we will need a site walk to flag the trees necessary for removal.

Town Solar Array: With the construction of an array on a landfill deemed potentially complicated by any disturbance of the cap currently covering the landfill, we will need to identify other brownfield spaces available for a potential site for a solar array; no pilings would be allowed on a landfill, so we would need a more complicated mounting system. The landfill was capped 25-35 years ago and the procedures of the capping are not known. Normally, an array will have a 15-18 year payback. After an informal conversation with the presenters of the Shaw Brothers solar array proposal, Mark learned that they are expecting a payback in less than half that time.

-Also, Mark suggested an Agricultural Fair could help Buxton raise awareness for the products from the farms of our town. He was thinking late May or early June was a good idea for the event to occur. The Sestercentennial Celebration for Buxton will be held in August of 2022.

-In other news, the Land Use Table will be looked at by the Building Design Committee with regards, in particular, to Recreational and Medical Marijuana, as well as to Tiny Home zoning.

-Next meeting is set for December 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.