

Mendon Planning Commission Minutes (Draft)
October 4, 2021

Present: Justin Lindholm, Gary Sihler, Fred Bagley and Teri Corsones were present in-person at the Mendon Town Office. The September 13, 2021 MPC minutes were approved as written.

Enhanced Energy Plan: Barbara Noyes Pulling from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission phoned in to the meeting to review the October 4, 2021 draft of the Enhanced Energy Plan. Members reviewed each section.

Barbara will clarify that the reference to “this plan” in the introductory section on page 1 refers to the Mendon Town Plan and not to the Enhanced Energy Plan, regarding the “substantial deference” standard that will be applied to the plan after adoption of the Enhanced Energy Plan.

Typographical and grammar errors in the first paragraph on page 2 will be corrected.

The words “a rate” will be deleted in the second sentence at the top of page 4.

The phrase “as well as increased remote working trends” will be added to the first sentence in the second paragraph on page 4.

The first full paragraph on page 6 will be modified to substitute “are” for “is” in the first sentence, and the “b” in “biodiesel” in the second sentence will be lower case.

The “T” in Town will be capitalized when “the Town” refers to the Town of Mendon throughout the document. When “the town” refers to a generic town, the “t” will be lower case.

The following sentence will be added to the end of the second full paragraph on page 9: “Mendon also notes the potential for nuclear energy to be considered renewable as new technologies are developed and advanced.”

Barbara explained that it’s not necessary to include specific references to screening requirements in the Mendon Zoning Regulations in the proposed solar energy sections that describe screening provisions.

References to the energy committee following the map sections shall be revised to “Energy Committee”.

The space between bullets on page 2 shall be deleted.

Fred will provide a word version of the Mendon Town Plan title page so Barbara can create a title sheet for the Enhanced Energy Plan. in Mendon.

Miscellaneous: Teri will ask Steve Cosgrove about the status of the temporary permit that was given for the large recreational vehicle parked on Route 4 across from Sugar & Spice. Fred reported on his work regarding Mendon on the Move and a related Municipal Planning Grant. The MPC supports the grant application.

The next meeting of the Mendon Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Corsones