



# Town of Hopkinton

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## HOPKINTON PLANNING BOARD

### MINUTES JUNE 12, 2012

Chairman Bruce Ellsworth opened the Hopkinton Planning Board meeting of Tuesday, June 12, 2012, beginning at 6:30 PM in Hopkinton Town Hall. Members present: Vice Chairman Timothy Britain, Ex-Officio George Langwasser, Michael Wilkey, Celeste Hemingson, Bethann McCarthy and Alternate Cettie Connolly. Members absent: Jane Bradstreet and Alternate Edwin Taylor.

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- I. **Master Plan Energy Chapter Work Session** –Vanessa Goold of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission met with the Planning Board to discuss policy recommendations for the Master Plan Energy Chapter.

Mrs. Connolly expressed concern in specifying energy usage allowed for the Town or School District. She believed that not knowing the daily operations of the Town departments would affect the Planning Board's ability to specify a percentage of energy reduction.

Mr. Wilkey believed that it is not inappropriate for the Planning Board to indicate that as a Town we should reduce our overall energy use by "x" amount over a period of time.

Chairman Ellsworth believed the Planning Board's role is to increase awareness and to go beyond that is beyond the scope of the Board.

Selectman Langwasser suggested that there should be language in the Energy Chapter that recommends that the Town as a whole strive to reduce its carbon footprint. Then, it is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen and the School Board to insure that the recommendation is carried-out.

Mrs. Goold suggested that the issue is the matter of cost versus usage. Mrs. Hemingson concurred, noting that some Town departments, such as the Library is open on the weekends and later in the evenings, while others are not. The daily operations of the various departments would need to be taken into consideration when recommending any reduction of usage.

Mrs. Goold and Mrs. Robertson agreed to meet with Town Administrator Neal Cass to discuss energy related projects and what action the Town has taken to improve energy efficiency. Mrs. Robertson will follow-up with the School District concerning the same.

At the next work session, Mrs. Goold anticipates reviewing energy goals. She will provide the Board with a sample of goals from other communities.

## II. **Adjournment.**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Ellsworth declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Board is Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall.

Karen L. Robertson  
Planning Director

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*Minutes are subject to review and approval.*