

Town of Fayston, Vermont
Planning Commission Minutes
Monday, January 8th, 2024
Fayston Town Office

Attendees: Planning Commission: Doug Day (Chair), Pete Ludlow (Zoom), Freddie Graves and Andrew McNealus **Zoning Administrator:** Jason Wilson **Public:** Paul Quinlan and Michael Duell

1. Call to Order at 5:32 PM
2. **Agenda Modifications:** None,
3. **Approval of November 13th, 2023 Minutes:** Doug noticed an inadvertent question mark in item 5. Doug moved to except the minutes with the above correction; Freddie seconded and all approved.
4. **Discussion with Planning Commission Candidate Paul Quinlan:**
Paul described his background.
Doug: What is your interest in joining the Planning Commission?
Paul: I have always had an interest in community planning. After spending a lot of time out west, I do not want to see what happened out there happen here.
Pete: You recently went through the permitting process. How did you feel about the process?
Paul: It was good. Very thorough and responsive.
5. **Discussion with Planning Commission Candidate Michael Duell:**
Michael described his background.
Pete: You mentioned ensuring and writing specifications on a solar farm development in Angola. Can you illustrate how you brought that to closure?
Michael: Back in 2016 we were looking into creating a Solar Farm on the Family Land in Evans, New York. The Town had no specific laws on creating a solar farm. I approached the town planner and was involved in assisting in writing the Towns regulation. I wanted to ensure a dismantling plan with creation of security bond.
Pete: BD Land and Energy LLC, that was your umbrella for that project.
Michael: Yes, I was advised to create that to separate that project from my personal assets.
Jason: Michael, are you retired?
Michael: I am retired from working for others and choose what I want to work on.
Jason: Do you have any clients or prospective clients in Fayston right now?
Michael: No, just working on the property we have here. I did chat with someone about solar farm in the area. But I need to digest this one first.
6. **Liaison Reports:**
None
7. **Announcements:**

The next Planning Commission Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 24th 2024.

- 8. Executive Session:** Freddie moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the potential referral to the Selectboard of Andre McNealus to be a member of the Planning Commission; Pete seconded and all approved. It was a short session and all members felt he would could be a good fit. Freddie moved to exit Executive Session; Doug seconded and all approved.

Freddie made a motion to recommend Andrew McNealus to the Selectboard for membership on the Planning Commission; Doug seconded and all approved.

The Commission wanted to discuss Michael Duell's candidacy more and will continue this conversation at the January 24th, 2024 meeting.

- 9. Adjourn:** Freddie motioned to adjourn; Doug seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM