

TOWN OF RUTLAND
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2009

MINUTES:

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Commission members present: Howard Burgess, Tony Flory, Richard Hoenes, Ray Leonard, William Matteson, Andrew McKane, Jerry Stearns, Tom Turner and Charles Vajda.

Review of the 11/5/2009 Minutes

Mr. Hoenes motioned to accept the minutes as written. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. All were in approval.

Proposed New Town Road

Mr. Zingale gave a presentation on a proposed new road on the south end of the Town, between Randbury Road and the light at Cold River Road. There is a possibility of receiving funding from the State if this project is tied to the Route 7 Corridor project. Mr. Zingale has talked to the Select Board about it and they are in favor of the road. He would like to talk to the landowners that would be affected by the new road. He has already talked to the owners of Jiffy Lube and they would not mind having their only access via the new road. Other positive reasons for constructing the road are as follows:

- The Holiday Inn could expand
- It opens up areas for further development
- Traffic congestion would be reduced
- The light at Cold River Road would be better utilized
- Trucks would have a way to exit at the light at Cold River Road
- It would help with Act 250 permits due to the reduction of traffic congestion

There would still be some open land in that area. A parcel owned by Farrells cannot be developed per a prior agreement. There is also a possibility of constructing a similar road on the other side of Route 7 South between F.W. Webb and Seward Road. Mr. Zingale said that there will be a sight visit to study the logistics.

Rail Road Update

Mr. Matteson said that he would like a representative from the Rail Road come to a meeting and discuss rail access near Seward Road. He says he feels that access on Seward Road would be safer than the current access via Cold River Road.

An Environmental Agency report is due out on the rail yard project. Mr. Matteson said he would like Tom McCauley to come in to talk to the Planning Commission. Mr. Zingale said that there are no real changes. He did say that emergency response would not be easy if Park Street in the City was closed off.

Miscellaneous

The regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on December 3, 2009 is being changed to December 10, 2009 so the Planning Commission can attend a seminar. The second meeting of the month will still take place on December 17th.

On December 3rd, the Planning Commission will meet briefly to tape a holiday message for PegTV.

A Route 7 Corridor Study meeting will be held on November 18, 2009.

On January 7, 2010 Mark Blucher, from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, will have some people come in to discuss State statutes and how they apply to the Planning Commission duties. There will be a second presentation at a later date on subdivisions.

The Route 4 and 7 Committee will be invited to the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 17th.

Mr. Flory motioned to end the meeting. Mr. Hoenes seconded the motion. All were in approval. The meeting ended at 7:77 P.M.



William Matteson, Chairman

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Date