

TOWN OF RUTLAND
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2009

MINUTES:

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

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

Review of the 10/15/2009 Minutes

Mr. Turner suggested using the word "action" instead of "communication" in the zoning paragraph. Mr. Hoenes motioned to accept the minutes with this change and Mr. McKane seconded the motion. All were in approval.

Zoning

Mr. Matteson said he had discussed zoning with the Select Board and said their action to table zoning indefinitely was spurred by Mr. Turner's letter to Kevin Brown concerning the disapproved zoning document. Mr. Matteson asked the Select Board about putting the zoning question on the March ballot. He also asked the Planning Commission to think about this and provide feedback to him. There was a brief discussion as to whether the Select Board could refuse to put it on the ballot and it was thought that perhaps they could but if a petition was presented, than it would have to go on the ballot.

Mr. Matteson said that he feels there are misconceptions about zoning by the Select Board and some of the general public. It is thought that it would cost too much money to implement and that it is too restrictive. Mr. Hoenes said that the pros of zoning need to be brought out. Mr. Matteson asked Mr. Zingale to look up the interim zoning document that was used in the past. Mr. Zingale said that he felt so many things have changed that it would probably only be useful for its historical value.

Mr. Turner said that he had expected the Select Board to send a letter to the Planning Commission in regards to their motion to table action on the zoning document. Mr. Zingale said that it was up to him and at this point it is academic.

Education

Mr. Matteson suggested that while the Planning Commission is going through a slow period, it may be a good time to attend classes or have someone come in to share information, for example the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Hoenes gave Mr. Matteson a list of upcoming classes from VLCT. Mr. Matteson said there is a class to attend on Planned Unit Development on December 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. He suggested changing the usual meeting date of December 3rd to December 10th to allow the Commission to attend. Mr. Hoenes motioned to change the regular scheduled meeting from December 3rd to December 10th. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. All were in approval. Mr. Zingale will post the change.

The Commission is also to attend a meeting on the Route 7 Management Plan on November 18th at the Holiday Inn.

The Rutland Town Report

Mr. Turner reminded the Commission that although the Select Board and the Planning Commission have approved the new Rutland Town Plan, a copy has to go for regional approval and be signed off on by the Commissioner of Housing and Community Affairs. Mr. Zingale said he would mail out a copy after talking with Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Turner also asked about the motion passed at the last meeting to send a letter to the Select Board with changes to Mr. Hall's comments that were to be added to the Town Report. Due to a miscommunication, this was not done and Mr. Hall's comments will be added as is.

Miscellaneous

The State Employees Credit Union has purchased land on Seward Road but has not started to build.

There are no new subdivision applications.

The Aspen Dental Office is open.

Alderman's project is progressing.

The McKinley Bridge is to be fixed in the spring.

Mr. Hoenes motioned to end the meeting. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. All were in approval. The meeting ended at 7:30 P.M.



William Matteson, Chairman

11-19-09

Date