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**TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: January 28th, 2021

Publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Chairwoman Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Dana Peterson, Howard Burgess, Sherman Hunter, Andy McKane, Mary Beth Poli, Jerry Stearns, and Norman Cohen

Members of the Public Present: None

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the agenda. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Cannabis retail approval by Select Board

1. Ms. Pulling recapped the recent approval given by the Select Board on cannabis operations in town.
2. Discussed the possible location an operation could go.
3. Voter approval would be needed.

New Business: Potential development on Dyer and Middle Road

1. A developer contracted Town Hall regarding a potential project
2. They are looking into this area for a multibuilding housing project. No specifics were available from the developer.

New Business: List of questions for prospective developers

1. A discussion was had at a recent meeting about questions being asked of developers. The Commission may have been asking questions outside of the scope of their authority. This was brought up by one of the members.
2. There was concern about discouraging developers by asking questions outside their scope.
3. The group discussed developing a list of questions to be able to be consistent and to set expectations of the scope of authority of the commission.
4. This could be used to educate potential developers as well.
5. Mr. Peterson created a draft document to begin the list of questions. Several questions were recorded for discussion and development of the document.
6. The list was sent to all members and will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Announcements

1. Mr. Burgess said Green Mountain Power will be removing a utility line in the Business Route 4 / Route 3 area in the next couple of weeks.
2. A sub-division application from Velco and Orin Thomas may be coming for the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes for January 7th, 2021:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. After a clerical correction, Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Burgess moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Noyes-Pulling

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair