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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 5th, 2021

Rutland Town Hall and a Publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Chair Barbara Pulling, Dana Peterson, Howard Burgess, Sherman Hunter, Andy McKane, Mary Beth Poli, Jerry Stearns, Jim Hall, and Norman Cohen

Members of the Public Present: None

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Old Business: Update on McKinley Avenue Boundary Line Adjustment

1. Town Counsel reviewed the request and has given the opinion it can move forward as a boundary line adjustment and does not need to be a re-subdivision.
2. The applicant will be contacted to let him know so the process can move forward.

Old Business: Selectboard decision on a Town Conservation Commission and Zoning

1. The board was not in favor of the commission working on zoning or establishing a Conservation Commission.
2. They did say changes to existing ordinances and new ordinances could be looked at to address concerns.
3. Information on adoption and enforcement of ordinances in state statute was distributed.
4. Discussed asking a representative from VLCT to come talk to the group about various options for new and updated ordinances and their goals. Topics the group is interested will be communicated to them, so they are prepared when they come to a meeting.
5. Discussed the building permit process in place now. There is an informational building permit requirement for projects the add more than 100 square feet to a property.

Old Business: PC research on Article 4 of draft helipad/airstrip ordinance

1. Some individual input has been received but no one has been available to come talk to the group as a whole.
2. Some suggestions have been given to restrict use to daytime only.
3. Discussed needing guidelines about operating within 5 miles of the airport.

Announcements

1. VOREC Recreation Grant application
 - a. Mary Beth Poli reviewed the grant application work going on with our Town Rec Director and other parties to try to secure a portion of available state funds to add several projects to Northwood Park.
 - b. Our letter of intent outlines projects for just over \$200,000. This is a no match grant.
2. Reviewed the discussion of the Diamond Run Mall property from the Selectboard meeting.
3. Discussed the date of the next meeting. Ms. Pulling is not available on the 26th.
 - a. A decision will be made by Tuesday August 24th on whether the meeting will move forward or be postponed.

Approval of Minutes July 15th, 2021:

- Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. McKane seconded the motion.
- Discussed how the voting results are recorded. For future meetings, to provide clarification, the total votes will be stated after each vote.
 - Discussed what members should be voting, i.e., alternates and the chair. The Commission does not operate under Roberts Rules of Order.
 - This topic will be looked into for a future discussion.
- Some changes were made to the minutes.
- Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stearns abstained.

Adjournment:

Mr. Hunter moved to adjourn. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

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Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair