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## **TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

LOCATION: Town Hall and a publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

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

All members except Jim Hall are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: None

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Election for Chair and Vice Chair

1. Mr. Cohen nominated Barbara Pulling for Chair and Dana Peterson for Vice Chair. Ms. Poli seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. All members voted in favor of these nominations, Ms. Pulling and Mr. Peterson abstained from the vote.

Old Business: Grandpa's Knob Community Wind

1. We have not received the follow up yet requested from the last meeting they attended, regarding additional renderings from area in town and the view of the clearance light on the tower.

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Old Business: Subcommittee report on Building Notification ordinance

1. The committee of Mr. McKane, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Burgess, and Ms. Pulling has not met yet, but should do so some time next week.
2. In addition to the building permit topic, noise and large animal / livestock is also on the list.

Old Business: Report from the Select Board meeting

1. Discussed having the Select Board Energy Committee work with the Planning Commission on creating a survey to be sent to Town residents on which action items from our Town Energy Plan they would like to see done first.
  - a. The Select Board members were in favor of this.
  - b. Prior to the next Planning Commission meeting, a small group should be formed to work on this. Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sherman are interested. Mr. Peterson and Ms. Poli are interested but have limited availability.

Old Business: Pocket Park Update

1. There is a planned meeting between Green Mountain Power and the Town on January 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss land use and rights. A plan for the next public meeting is still being developed. Discussed a variety of options, including incorporating it into the schedule of one of the future Planning Commission meetings. February 17<sup>th</sup> was decided to be the best date. March 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> are alternate dates.
2. Hard copies of the map will be made available at Town Hall and posted to the Town website ahead of the meeting.

Announcements

1. Act 250 Notice for Orin Thomas and Sons.
  - a. Orin Thomas and Sons and VELCO appear to have a solution to their plot labels without having to come back before the Commission.

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2. Wastewater permit for 349 Killington Avenue
  - a. A permit was sent to the Town office for filing for an approved wastewater permit.
  - b. It indicates a subdivision is part of this process, but no subdivision application has been sent in yet.
  - c. After some discussion, Mr. Burgess will reach out to one of the owners to make sure they know the subdivision process will be necessary.
3. Ms. Poli discussed progress on filing the Act 250 permit amendment for Northwood Park to be able to build mountain bike trails. It has not been submitted but many people are helping to get the project completed. It is part of a large scale, multi-town, mountain bike trail system.

Approval of Minutes December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. After some clerical changes were made, Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

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Barbara Pulling

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair