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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 17th, 2022

LOCATION: 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, Jim Hall, and Norman Cohen.

Members of the Public Present: Sarah and Jeff Patch

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Discussion of a Possible Boundary Line Adjustment Request

1. Sarah and Jeff Patch were present to discuss their questions.
2. They currently own a 1-acre parcel on Post Road, and they are interested in purchasing some land from a neighbor behind them.
3. There is a survey on file which has 2 of their interior boundaries but a complete survey of their parcel is not on file.
4. A survey will need to be done to determine the exact lines and acreage of the area they wish to purchase.
5. The proposed changes would enlarge their parcel and reduce an adjoining parcel. There would still only be 2 parcels.
6. They purchased the property recently; surveys are not required as part of the transaction.
7. The Commission decided a survey of their parcel will be required in order to apply for a Boundary Line Adjustment.

Old Business: Subcommittee report on Building Notification Ordinance

1. The subcommittee plans to meet soon but has nothing to report.
2. Ms. Pulling encouraged the subcommittee to use the resources available from VLCT in drafting language so their time is most useful.

Old Business: Update on the Nuisance Ordinances

1. There was a town resident who approached Commission members with a concern but is not willing to come speak to the entire group.
2. There are no other updates.

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Old Business: Subcommittee on Enhanced Energy Plan

1. A survey was created, and the draft was provided to the Selectboard.
2. The Board discussed the list at a recent meeting and referred the survey to their Energy Committee.
3. A Selectboard member raised a concern that these efforts may be duplicated by other local agencies.
4. Further discussion will take place when the committee meets.

Mr. Peterson left the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Old Business: Report from the Selectboard

1. Discussed with the Board the planned public meeting for the Pocket Park project which is scheduled for March 3rd at 6PM. This meeting will be virtual only.
2. A preliminary design for sidewalk proposed along Route 7 North, starting at Comcast extending to Post Road, has been decided on.
3. A final design should be ready in the next few months.

Announcements

1. Discussed the Vermont Supreme Court decision on Snowstone. This topic was discussed at a previous Commission meeting. The decision was reversed to state that Act 250 applies if a project is on a 1 acre or larger parcel, not just the size of the project area.
2. Ms. Pulling reported that Mary Beth Poli presented the work she is doing to support creating the Velemont Trail to the Selectboard at a recent meeting.

Approval of Minutes January 27th, 2022:

Mr. Hunter move to accept the minutes. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. After some clerical changes were made, Mr. Hunter moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Hunter moved to adjourn. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair