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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 12th, 2022

LOCATION: Town Hall and a publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Chair Barbara Pulling, Jerry Stearns, Howard Burgess, Andy McKane, and Norman Cohen.

Members of the Public Present: None

Public Hearing for the Fucile / Patch Boundary Line Adjustment Request

1. No members of the public were present to comment on the request.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Old Business: Boundary Line Adjustment Decision, Fucile / Patch

1. Jeff Patch was present to discuss the request
2. 1.84 acres will be added to the Patch parcel after the change.
3. Surveys of both lots have been completed.
4. Any required state permits are the responsibility of the property owners.
5. Discussed the tax liability for the properties. The tax bills are based on ownership of the parcels on April 1st of each year. There would be a process at the closing to handle any difference owed.
6. The new mylar will need to be filed on or before August 10th, 2022.
7. Mr. Burgess moved to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Subcommittee report on Building Notification Ordinance

1. The subcommittee reviewed the existing ordinance which allows for the building permit. They discussed changing the title of the ordinance from Permit Tracking Ordinance to Building Permit Requirements.
 - a. The existing ordinance already addresses penalties for not submitting a permit.
 - b. It may be beneficial to widen the scope of the existing ordinance.
 - c. Some proposed additions could include notice on building a fence or limiting the amount of fill that can be brought onto a property and addressing unregistered vehicles.
 - d. Discussed the scope of what the changes could cover.

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- e. Discussed asking the Selectboard permission to investigate establishing ordinances covering fencing, property modifications such as grading, and farm animals.
- f. Mr. Stearns moved to ask the Selectboard about adding to the building permit requirements to address grading and involving the Town Attorney to help with language. Additionally, adding language about maximum heights for fencing. Plus having an additional discussion with the Town Attorney about livestock. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Subcommittee Report on Enhanced Energy Plan

1. A meeting with the Selectboard Committee is planned soon.
2. The town resident survey will be discussed.

Old Business Report from the Selectboard Meeting:

1. There will be a Town Wide Celebration on August 27th, and this could be a good opportunity to meet with Town residents to discuss the energy plan as well.

Old Business Update on the Pocket Park at Center Rutland Falls:

1. A final report had been generated. It includes 5 recommendations.
 - a. The town needs to pursue a land use agreement with Green Mountain Power for the park area.
 - b. Final design and cost estimates are needed from a certified landscape architect or engineer.
 - c. Research grant opportunities for the design and construction work.
 - d. Use the Rutland Town Planning Commission as needed to coordinate the design work.
 - e. Continue to involve the public to build interest by reaching out to community groups.
2. The display art can be brought to the Town Wide Celebration to help with awareness.
3. Discussed the planned launch site for boats and canoes. Some individuals have expressed concern about it and it not being an appropriate site due to the turbulence.
4. Discussed the future location options of the historical watering trough. No decision was made.

Approval of Minutes April 21st, 2022:

Mr. McKane moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 – 0 with Mr. Cohen and Mr. Stearns abstaining.

Adjournment:

Mr. Stearns moved to adjourn. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair