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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 14th, 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, Mary Beth Poli, Jim Hall and Norman Cohen. All members in attendance are a voting member for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: None

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Retail cannabis dispensary, Matt Barnes & Thomas Macre

1. There is interest in opening a retail store front.
2. According to Mr. Barnes, this proposal has been pre-qualified by the VT Cannabis Control Board.
3. The business would need to be opened in established commercial areas.
4. Locations are being researched but nothing has been determined yet. They are looking for a high traffic area and prefer a standalone building.
5. They have other types of these businesses in other states.
6. Tom and Matt were encouraged to meet with the Selectboard to introduce themselves and discuss their project.

Old Business: Discussion of upcoming work on other new ordinances

1. The Selectboard is not in favor of ordinances regarding farms / livestock.
2. The Selectboard seems to be happy with the results of the Informational Building Permit, especially after resolving the issue on Honey Bee Place.
3. Discussed working on a noise ordinance. Mr. Cohen said he would work with Mr. McKane if he were interested.

Old Business: Booth at the Town Wide Celebration

1. Commission members are needed to help staff the booth. The event runs from 10AM to 2PM.
2. A tent and a banner for the table will be purchased.

Approval of Minutes June 23rd, 2022:

1. There were some clerical changes suggested.
2. Mr. Cohen moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stearns abstained.

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Adjournment:

Mr. Stearns moved to adjourn. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair