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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 8th, 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, 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. Cohen moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. After discussion Mr. Cohen moved to approve the agenda, striking the discussion on approving the rules of procedure. Mr. Hunter seconded the new motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Update on the Energy Survey

1. Responses are still coming in.
2. The survey will be available until January 1st.
3. There are going to some funds available from the state to allow municipalities to conduct energy audits in town. Additional money will be available for energy upgrades. The grants go up to \$500,000 with no local match.

Old Business: Update on the Permit Tracking Ordinance

1. The Selectboard has not taken any action recently on this.

Old Business: Review of Subdivision Ordinance committee work

1. The group met recently to review the draft ordinance and discuss changes.
2. There was a review of the changes being considered and discussion had.
3. A date for the next meeting was discussed. No decision was made.

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Announcements

Discussed the upcoming meeting schedule. The meeting scheduled for December 29th will be postponed. The next meeting will take place on January 5th, 2023, and the schedule will resume from there.

Discussed touring the new “The Hub” facility downtown. Chairwoman Pulling will put together a tour for the group.

The Selectboard is interested in moving forward with the Memorandum of Understanding with Green Mountain Power to establish the intentions of each party involved with the Pocket Park. The Board would like a recommendation on development phases for the park. Discussed what the phases could be and sources for funding and construction. After an extensive discussion, the first phase that will be recommended will be to remove the invasive species of plants and trees. This way a better look at the area can be taken to make plans. A cultural assessment still needs to be done. Several groups will be involved with this.

Approval of Minutes November 17th, 2022

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion except Mr. Hunter and Mr. McKane who abstained.

Adjournment:

Mr. Burgess moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair