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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 26th, 2023

LOCATION: Town Hall and a publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Chair Barbara Pulling, Dana Peterson, Jerry Stearns, Howard Burgess, Sherman Hunter, Andy McKane, Mary Beth Poli, and Norman Cohen. Mr. Cohen was not a voting member for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: None

Public Hearing: Howard Smith Subdivision Request Route 4 East

1. Mark Courcelle was present on behalf of the property owner.
2. The Right of Way from Killington Heights will be noted on the final plat.
3. Reviewed the list of requested waivers. There were no issues.
4. Reviewed the documentation submitted. Everything is in order. Mr. Peterson moved to accept the Subdivision request from Howard Smith. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, The motion passed unanimously.
5. The mylar must be received for approval and filing before April 26th, 2023.
6. The public hearing closed at 6:55PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Old Business: VLCT advice on current Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance

1. VLCT is recommending changing most of these to policies rather than being ordinances.
2. After reviewing and discussing guidance documents from VLCT, research will be done looking into statutory authority for the various topics covered in our ordinances.

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New Business: Conversation with Kyle Medash, DEC Floodplain Manager, on river corridors

1. Discussed what regulations are currently in effect, dating back to 2008.
2. Reviewed a presentation about river corridors and floodplains.
3. The primary goal of river corridor management is to keep future development out of these areas to prevent future issues.
4. It is intended to regulate construction, not recreation.
5. Adopting these regulations would increase the eligible reimbursement rate for federal disasters. This applies to any federal disaster, not just flooding.
6. Discussed outreach programs using a variety of methods.

Old Business: Subdivision Ordinance committee work update

1. Information was sent out to all members on the work done so far. There are several statutory updates which need to be included.
2. One more meeting is needed to finalize discussions and is planned for February 6th.

Old Business: Rules of Procedure update

1. A final draft based on all the discussions were provided to members.
2. Discussed having the effective date be March 30th.
3. Mr. Hunter moved to approve the rules of procedure as presented, and to have them take effect March 30th, 2023. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes January 5th, 2023:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hunter abstained.

Adjournment:

Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair