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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 28th, 2024

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, Jerry Stearns, Norm Cohen, and Jim Hall. All members are voting members for this meeting.

A moment of silence was observed for past Planning Commission member Fred Nicholson who passed away recently.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Sub-Division request for 930 US Route 4

1. Paul McNeil is present to discuss the request.
2. The application was received. The plat submitted had all of the required elements included.
3. Reviewed the drawing requirements. They are requesting waivers for numbers 7, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, and 24. There were no objections.
4. This is considered a minor subdivision.
5. After discussion, Mr. Peterson moved to approve the application as received, and to set the final hearing date for April 18th, 2024. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Outreach to commercial/business property owners in the River Corridor

1. The letter is ready to send out to the owners, but there is State legislation currently being proposed which would have an effect on the work.
2. Nothing will be done until the outcome of this is known.
3. There are some changes coming to our stormwater ordinance due to changes made by the State in other areas.

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Old Business: Review Housing Survey, Logon Solomon, RRPC

1. Logon Solomon from the Regional Planning Commission was present to discuss the results of the survey. The Town was the first community to have this conducted focused on an individual community.
2. There were 77 responses, of which 84% identified themselves as town residents.
3. Reviewed the responses and some of the meanings and initiatives behind the questions.
4. Discussed a variety of options for housing from constructing new homes, modifying existing homes, and how developers could be attracted to the area.
5. Discussed having some Commission members look deeper into the results and come back to the group with recommendations. Mr. Peterson moved to establish an ad-hoc sub-committee to do this. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Work will be done to update the sub-division application forms. There has not been an update to the substance of them in some time. Discussed what could be required, and what cannot be. A draft will be done and sent around to review before being used.

Approval of Minutes March 7th, 2024:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cohen abstained.

Adjournment:

Mr. Hall moved to adjourn. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Date

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair