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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 18th, 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, Sherman Hunter, Andy McKane, Jerry Stearns, Mary Beth Poli, Norm Cohen and Jim Hall. Mr. McKane is present but is not participating as a voting member.

Members of the Public Present: None

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. Discussing new draft subdivision forms was added to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – New Subdivision for 930 US Route 4

1. Paul McNeil was present as the owner of the property.
2. There was no one from the public present.
3. The sub-division information was reviewed.
4. Mr. Peterson moved to approve the subdivision request. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hunter and Ms. Poli abstained.

Old Business: Review housing survey from the RRPC

1. The subcommittee has not had the opportunity to meet yet.
2. Reviewed the results and discussed some feedback from the Regional Planning Commission.
3. Discussed housing challenges in the Town and the region.
4. Discussed challenges with people finding long term rentals.
5. Discussed development opportunities and challenges.
6. Mr. Peterson moved the Planning Commission recommend to the Select Board pursuing a housing planning grant, and the Planning Commission would recommend the questions and criteria. The focus would be on assessing current housing stock and needs. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 1. Mr. Stearns voted against the motion.

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Old Business: Update on S.213 – river corridors

1. This is still being worked on in the legislature.
2. Mary Beth Poli had testified at hearings related to this, as part of her job.
3. As more information comes out about this it will be brought back to the Commission.

Mr. Stearns left the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Old Business: Review new draft of subdivision forms.

1. The forms currently in use go back more than 10 years.
2. Updated forms were provided and discussed. Some changes were made.

Announcements

1. The owner of the Diamond Run Mall property will be at the April 23rd Select Board meeting to discuss the plans for this property.
2. The Select Board has invited some State agency leaders to discuss the future of the Cortina Inn facility.
3. Discussed site access to the proposed Route 7 North solar site.

Approval of Minutes March 28th, 2024:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. A change to the spelling of the name of one of the participants was made. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hunter and Ms. Poli abstained from the vote.

Adjournment:

Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Date

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair