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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 13th, 2025

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, Andy McKane, Jerry Stearns, and Norm Cohen. All members are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: None

Approval of the Agenda:

The Cedar Avenue boundary line adjustment was withdrawn.

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

New Business: Municipal Planning Grant for a local housing needs assessment

1. This was previously discussed with a member of the Regional Planning Commission.
2. There are grants available to do this. The application period is open, and they are due in March. The RRPC feels we may not need the grant because they have to collect the data anyway.
3. After discussion, the Commission has decided to pass on it and see what the RRPC comes up with.

Old Business: Subdivision Ordinance update

1. The subcommittee met recently and continued work reviewing the comments from our Town Attorney.
2. There are sections the full commission will need to discuss.
3. The subcommittee will be meeting before the next commission meeting. A more detailed discussion will be planned for the March 6th meeting.
4. There are cross references to our town plan which our Town Attorney suggested. Some of these are in the town plan and some are not.

Old Business: River Corridor Ordinance review.

1. There is not an update for tonight.
2. The Selectboard approved pending adoption the update to the town Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. It includes a topic that the Planning Commission is working on these regulations.

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Old Business: Pocket Park Grant application review

1. The application has been submitted and is being reviewed by the State.
2. The source of the funds is a federal program and while the funding is not guaranteed anymore, the process is moving forward. The total request is \$48,206. The town match will be the in-kind work.
3. An update is expected in March.
4. Reviewed highlights of the planned park and the work needed.

Announcements

The Selectboard recently passed a municipal ethics policy from State statute. This requires town officials to take ethics training. The Planning Commission members need to take the training. After discussion, this will be done as a group after the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes January 23rd, 2025:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. Some clerical changes were made. Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. McKane abstained.

Adjournment:

Mr. McKane moved to adjourn. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Date

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair