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TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 29th, 2025

LOCATION: Town Hall and a publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Chair Barbara Pulling, Howard Burgess, Sherman Hunter, Jerry Stearns, Mary Beth Poli, and Norm Cohen. All members are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: Attorney David Gracyk

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Diamond Run Mall Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire

1. Attorney Gracyk was present and reviewed the application with the Commission.
2. This application helps to bring the property into compliance with the state 3 acre stormwater rule.
3. The commission discussed concerns with security of the Kmart box being left and around the entire site.
4. After an extensive discussion, Mr. Cohen moved to approve the application as presented for the demolition in respect to it conforming to the Town Plan, and with concern about the remaining building and its vulnerability. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was amended to approve the application as presented for the demolition in respect to it conforming to the Town Plan. Mr. Burgess seconded the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Subdivision Ordinance – finalize next steps

1. Discussed accepting the advice from the Town Attorney, which was to scrap our existing regulations, and adopt a set of unified development bylaws.
2. Discussed options for moving forward and what resources would be needed.
3. Discussed how future regulations could be applied to existing conditions.
4. There was extensive discussion on what the next steps would be and how it can be presented to the Selectboard. No further action was taken.

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Old Business: Pocket Park Phase 1 meetings

1. This was brought to the Board at the last meeting. There are Board members who would like to participate.
2. They will be invited to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes May 8th, 2025:

A quorum was not available to vote on it. They will be tabled.

Adjournment:

Mr. Stearns moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Date

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair