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RUTLAND TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, November 9, 2017  
7:00 P.M.  
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Ms. Barbara Pulling, Mr. Dana Peterson, Mr. Fred Nicholson, Mr. Howard Burgess, Mr. Andy McKane, Mr. Jerry Stearns, Mr. Dick Lloyd Mr. Norman Cohen (Alternate)

- Meeting called to order by Ms. Pulling at 7:03P.M.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Nicholson moved to approve. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**New Business/Announcements and News:**

Mr. Burgess read the letter sent to the Select Board from Mr. and Mrs. Ray and Linda Leonard regarding the reduction of traffic lanes on US Business Route 4 in Center Rutland dated 10/6/2017. After discussion Mr. Peterson suggested an acknowledgement letter be sent to residents who contact the Commission.

Mr. Burgess notified the Board of a possible upcoming subdivision.

The Commission discussed a property on North Grove Street and if should be classified as a subdivision or a boundary line adjustment.

**Old Business-Renewable Energy Plan:**

Ms. Pulling informed the Commission she has requested an Energy Committee be set up to assist the Commission with the Renewable Energy Plan (REP) and presented language for submission to the Select Board for the Commission to review. No action was taken.

**Pathways:**

The Commission reviewed the updated Pathways draft section of the REP bullet by bullet making suggestions, corrections, and deleting language voting by a "fist of five" method. Mr. Peterson explained that if there was a bullet item that any member who has an approval of less than three it would be put to the side and discussed after the reviewing was completed or at a later date. The Commission also approved bullets by general consensus.

Ms. Pulling explained to the Commission the process and time line of getting feedback from the Public Service Board (PSB) after the Draft Plan is submitted. After discussion the Commission decided to wait until after the next Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2017 to make final revisions to the REP draft and send it to the PSB. Mr. Peterson moved to submit the REP to the PSB for review before a Public Hearing is warned. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Minutes:**

Mr. Stearns moved to approve the minutes of September 28, 2017 with a minor correction. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. Upon further discussion of another minor correction Mr. Stearns amended his motion to accept the additional changes. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

After minor corrections Mr. Nicholson moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 minutes. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1. Mr. McKane abstained from the vote.

#### **Reduction of Traffic Lanes on US Business Route 4:**

Mr. Lloyd asked what the Commission thinks about the issue as a whole. Ms. Pulling cited the decision of the Commission at an earlier meeting that the Commission would recommend to the Select Board that no options should be taken off the table at that time. Mr. Nicholson said the Board didn't want the Commission to spend any more time on the issue. Mr. Burgess moved for the Commission to vote on leaving the road the way it is. Mr. Lloyd seconded the motion. The Commission discussed the issue and no action was taken on the motion. Ms. Pulling will ask the Select Board at their next meeting on Monday, November 13, 2017 if the Commission should take a vote on the issue.

Upon further discussion Ms. Pulling will ask if the Board is interested in the Commission's opinion of the Proposed Service Road on Randbury Road.

Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.