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RUTLAND TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 28, 2017  
7:00 P.M.  
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

- Meeting called to order by Ms. Pulling at 7:03 P.M.
- Ms. Pulling started the meeting by greeting the newest Planning Commission member Mr. Dick Lloyd.

**Select Board Chair Mr. Josh Terenzini:**

Mr. Terenzini was unable to attend the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of minutes, September 7, 2017:**

Mr. Nicholson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. After discussion of the presented language by Mr. Cohen Mr. Nicholson amended his motion to accept the minutes with the changes of Mr. Cohen's language to the Dumas subdivision and a striking of a statement to the Thomas' subdivision. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-1. Mr. Stearns abstained from the motion.

**Right-of- Way Language:**

Ms. Pulling read language regarding approving a subdivision with a Right-Of-Way from Town Attorney Mr. Kevin Brown.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**New Business:**

Mr. Pulling informed the Commission of a Rutland Town/Town of West Rutland Bike/Pedestrian Path joint meeting at the West Rutland Town Hall on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

**Old Business-Renewable Energy Plan:**

The Commission discussed Scenic Resources, finalizing Preferred Locations and Local Constraints. Ms. Pulling presented the Commission with the latest draft of the Rutland Town Renewable Energy Plan. Ms. Pulling cited page #7 of the Energy Plan which states the goal of this phase of the Plan is to come up with 12 megawatts of renewable energy. The Commission discussed different resources for projects.

Ms. Pulling informed the Commission the Town of Benson put the responsibility <sup>of</sup> ~~at~~ the developer to do a Viewshed Analysis for scenic resources in their Plan to the Public Service Department and it went through the review process. Mr. Peterson read his report from the last Select Board meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in which he stated the Commission voted unanimously to request the Select Board add a line item of not to exceed \$6,000.00 for a Viewshed Analysis. Mr. Cohen suggested Ms. Pulling write a letter to the Select Board requesting the funds. After some discussion it was decided the Commission meet with Select Board Chair Mr. Terenzini before taking action.

The Commission discussed the proposed Bike/Ped Path with West Rutland and the altering of the Road Diet. No action was taken.

The Commission reviewed the maps Ms. Pulling brought to the meeting. The Commission discussed placement of projects, the protection of the Viewsheds and the need for an Aesthetic Consultant.

The Commission voted on eliminating Current Use as a constraint by a straw vote: Two wanting is taken off and six voting to keep in on the map.

The Commission voted in adding Habitat/Wildlife to the maps by a straw vote of 8-0.

The Commission discussed the Preferred Areas for projects. The Commission discussed the re-colorization of the maps in order to be easier to read as well as delineate certain areas that are more favorable for projects. The Commission suggested the two Local Preferred Location maps be combined into one.

Mr. McKane asked the time line of the project. Ms. Pulling stated the Commission should be thinking about doing some Public Hearings and articles to raise awareness with Town residents.

Mr. Peterson suggested creating a map that shows only where the Commission wants projects for public presentation and using the other maps for planning purposes.

After a lengthy discussion Ms. Pulling will take the maps back to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) for updating.

Ms. Pulling explained to the Commission the Renewable Energy Plan needs to be amended into the existing Town Plan before going before the Public Service Department. The Commission discussed the options of educating the public as well as <sup>it's</sup> adoption into the Town Plan through the Public Service Department ~~and~~ the RRPC. *about the energy plan*  
*or*

Mr. McKane moved to adjourn. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.