

**RUTLAND TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
7:00 P.M.
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

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

- Meeting called to order by Ms. Pulling at 7:07 P.M.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Cohen moved to approve. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pulling stated there are some items she would like to add to the agenda for discussion. Mr. Cohen amended his motion to include the additional items. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment/Announcements:

There was no public comment.

New Business:

Ms. Pulling reminded the Commission of the Rutland Town/West Rutland Business Route 4 Corridor Bike/Pedestrian Meeting at the West Rutland Town Hall on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

The Commission discussed the Power Point slide presentation at the Service Road Alternatives Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. with a representative from VHB.

Ms. Pulling stated the Select Board passed a Public Nuisance Ordinance at their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Old Business-Renewable Energy Plan Draft (REPD):

The Commission reviewed the latest Draft dated September 2017 and the changes that have been made since then. The Commission went page by page of the Plan and made corrections to: taking percentages out of the Plan that are confusing, punctuation, grammar, addition and subtraction of text and dates, and clarifying the information.

Mr. Nicholson asked for clarity regarding making your own electricity with solar yet heating your house with a heat pump is it considered solar or electric. Ms. Pulling said according to the Dashboard it is considered renewable energy but a citizen may refer to it as electric.

Mr. Nicholson suggested giving credit to the graphs in the Plan as to where they came from.

Mr. Stearns requested striking the language regarding wind structures of 150 feet.

Ms. Pulling stated the purpose of the language and calculations is to continuously quantify the Plan.

Ms. Pulling cited language in the Plan for a developer of a project to be responsible for hiring a consultant for a View Shed Analysis as the Select Board will not budget for a consultant. Mr. Cohen questioned the language. Ms. Pulling stated the Public Service Department has stated that the Town has to have a Certified Aesthetic Analysis. Mr. Nicholson suggested language putting the cost of the Analysis onto the developer and the consultant would be selected by the Town and approved by the developer.

Ms. Pulling stated there will be a Preferred Use Map and a Local Constraints Map added to the Plan.

The Commission discussed the addition of a Wildlife Corridors Map to the Plan. Ms. Pulling will see what is available at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

The Commission discussed placing Historic Sites on the Local Constraints Map.

The Commission discussed the maps provided from Mr. Burgess regarding Preferred Areas for solar projects.

Ms. Pulling cited the Energy Strategy document she and Mr. Peterson created for the Commission to review at the next meeting.

The Commission discussed the Solar Bailout the State has created.

Minutes-September 28, 2017:

Mr. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. Mr. Nicholson withdrew his motion. Mr. Peterson moved to table the minutes until the next meeting. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Peterson reported on the last Select Board meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.
- Mr. Cohen moved to adjourn. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.