

**TOWN OF RUTLAND
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, MARCH 29th, 2018
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL HALL
OPEN MEETING 7:00 P.M.

Present: Barbara Noyes Pulling, Fred Nicholson, Howard Burgess, Norman Cohen, Dick Lloyd, Dana Peterson, Jerry Stearns, John Snee and Andrew McKane via skype who refrained from voting.

- Ms. Noyes-Pulling opened the meeting at 7:04 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

New Business:

No new business

Old Business:

- Thomas Dairy Solar Site: No action from the RT Select Board. Developer will be at the 4-3 Select Board meeting to address any concerns. A 45 day notice has been delivered to show intent to submit a full application to the state for the project.
- Denardo Farm proposed solar site: Ms. Noyes-Pulling attempted to reach Mr. Denardo regarding his proposed net metering letter. Nothing has been received yet.
- Preferred sites criteria: Mr. Peterson suggested writing a list of the criteria that has been used so far, i.e. The Thomas Dairy Project. Ms. Noyes-Pulling provided a list to the PC members of previous criteria used. The list was reviewed, comments were given and after discussion of the items some changes were made.

- Mr. Frederick Nicholson made a motion to strike the bullet point “If the project is with 1 mile of 3 phase {transmission lines}. Mr. Peterson made a second to the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Cohen voting against the motion.
- Mr. Frederick Nicholson made a motion to accept the listed criteria. Mr. Norman Cohen made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Noyes-Pulling handed out a list of other possibilities to be added to the energy plan. The additional items were reviewed, comments were given and there was discussion about the topics.
 - Mr. Peterson made a motion to accept the addition of the Town of Rutland Preferred Site document as amended. Mr. Fred Nicholson made a second to the motion. Discussion to clarify to have it included in the Town Energy Plan. Mr. Peterson revised his motion to incorporate this document into the town energy plan. The motion passed unanimously.
- Discussed the current status of the view shed analysis in collaboration with Middlebury College.
- A final draft of the energy plan should be available for review at the next Planning Commission meeting
- Business Route 4 Study Recommendations: Discussed the need to warn the upcoming meetings relating to the study. Discussion about the suggestions contained within the studies. Copies will need to be created of each of the studies for the upcoming meetings. Bill Sweet will be asked to handle obtaining these. There was further discussion around the formation of the groups and how to evaluate the recommendations
- Mr. Peterson brought up points to clarify. When does the Planning Commission want to warn meetings for the sub-committee work, what is the composition of each sub-committee and how will the work be broken up and then processed for the whole group. Mr. Peterson suggested scheduling a special meeting in April and again in May to discuss the Route 4 plan. Discussion ensued about meeting dates. Two dates were decided on. May 3rd and May 21st.

Announcements/News:

Approval of Minutes from March 8th. Mr. Fred Nicholson made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Dick Lloyd made a second to the motion. After minor corrections Mr. Fred Nicholson amended his motion to include the changes. Mr. Dick Lloyd made a second to the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Lloyd made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peterson made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet