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**TOWN OF RUTLAND
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, MAY 10th, 2018
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL HALL
OPEN MEETING 7:00 P.M.

Present: Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Howard Burgess, Dick Lloyd, Andrew McKane, John Snee, Jerry Stearns

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

Approval Of the Agenda:

- Mr. Stearns made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. McKane made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Discussion from the 5/3/18 meeting where Mr. Don Chioffi, during public comment, brought to the attention of the commission a motion which had been made, and seconded but not voted upon from a meeting in late 2017.
- Mr. Burgess made a motion to rescind the motion from September 7th, 2017 which left all options [from the recommendations in the Route 4 studies] on the table for the commission to consider. After discussion, Mr. McKane made second to the motion. After further discussion, the motion passed 4-2.
- Mr. McKane made a motion for the commission to recommend to the Select Board for Business Route 4 to remain as a 4 lane road and rate the additional projects around that. Mr. Lloyd made a second to the motion. After discussion the motion passed 4-2.
- Mr. Bill Sweet, Town Administrative Assistant reported on roadway access ordinance brought up during a Select Board meeting which might have been referred to the Planning Commission.

Old Business:

- Review of the Town Energy Plan and the Forest Fragmentation guidelines from the State of VT.
 - Reviewed request from Rutland Town Fire Chief regarding having roads built be sufficient to allow fire truck access.
 - Reviewed notification process with the recent proposed solar site on the Thomas Dairy site.
 - Discussion on selection criteria of solar sites.

Mr. Dana Peterson joined the meeting at 7:43PM.

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- Discussion of view shed statistics from the energy plan.
- Discussion of driveway access / installations.
- Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the enhanced energy plan as amended to be warned for public hearing. Mr. Lloyd made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of possible bike/walking path options around the Center Rutland Fire Station.

Announcements

- Ms. Noyes-Pulling presented the remaining budget to the commission members. It will be scanned and emailed to all Planning Commission members.

Approval of minutes 4/19/2018:

- Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McKane made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with 2 abstentions.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Stearns made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lloyd made a second to the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Noyes-Pulling

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair