

Royalton Planning Commission: May 9, 2016
Called to Order by Co-Chair Joshua Powers at 7:00 PM

Present: “Bushrod” Powers, Co-Chair
Jim Rikert
Nell Gwin
Ashton Roberts
Mark Wood
Beth Wilhite
Roni Johnson

Absent: Tim Dreisbach, Chair
David Brandau

Topics on Development

- Members discussed development in light of TRORC’s meeting with Royalton-Bethel-Sharon-Strafford residents on April 23, 2016
- Planning Commissions serve a legislative function in the process of development
 - The topic of subdivision regulation ensued to consider town’s past history with development
 - For policy purposes, Planning Commission members weighed town of Royalton’s interest to revisit zoning bylaws with Select Board
 - Means for policy making comes from Regional and Royalton town plans, and members will need to provide evidentiary arguments for decisions
 - Next step to seek a unified agreement with town officials on whether to initiate zoning and subdivision policymaking
 - Accessible online herein is a draft of Royalton Development Bylaw Draft April 2012
 - Members positioned to formulate future plans to consider application of zoning in Royalton
 - Royalton residences must attend Planning Commission meetings and informal work sessions to further consider zoning, where ultimately town citizens will vote upon whether to adopt zoning bylaws

Coordinating for Future Meetings

- Open meetings will proceed with encouragement from the public to attend and provide input
- June 13 meeting will take place at new Town Office on Route 14
 - Motion to seek Select Board’s encouragement and approval to explore proposed land development bylaws, and subdivision and zoning regulations
 - Moved by Beth Wilhite; Seconded: Roni Johnson; Unanimously passed
 - Members will produce written statements before presenting proposals to Select Board

Future Events:

- Old Homes will take place July 28, 29, 30th – for interested vendors or event coordinators, contact Royalton Fire Department

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Motion to Approve minutes from previous meeting, April 11:

- Motion to approve minutes
 - Moved by Roni Johnson; Seconded: Bushrod Powers; Passed unanimously

Next Planning Commission Meeting: May 23, 2016 at 7 PM EST at Royalton Academy Building

- Guest Speaker: Laura Perez, community relations manager for Stagecoach Transportation Services

Motion to Adjourn

- Moved by Ashton Roberts; Seconded: Nell Gwin; Passed unanimously
 - Adjourned at 8:12 PM
 - Submitted by: Sandy El Hage, Recording Secretary