

Royalton Planning Commission: June 13, 2016
Called to Order by Chair Tim Dreisbach at 7:05 PM

Present: Tim Dreisbach, Chair Absent: Roni Johnson
 Bushrod Powers, Co-Chair
 Jim Rikert
 David Brandau
 Mark Wood
 Beth Wilhite
 Nell Gwin

Guests: Jo Levasseur, Public
 Jeff Barry, Royalton School board member
 Walter Hasting, Private Lister
 Brad Salzman, Conservation Commission Member
 Mike Bold, Conservation Committee Member

Topics on Development

- Selectboard members tasked Planning Commission to consider development on Crawford property
 - Meeting discussion focal points:
 - 1) Potential uses
 - Forestry
 - Woody content conducive for harvesting timber
 - Commercial development, e.g. housing
 - Low-income housing
 - Develop sellable long-term lease lots
 - Walking path; public park with amenities such as a rope course, campsites, athletic fields, x-country runs & skiing
 - Expansion of municipal buildings
 - Road Department
 - Welcome Center
 - Park & Ride
 - Expansion of Village parking during town events
 - Gravel extraction or gravel storage
 - Enterprises
 - Private zip-line operator
 - 2) Social groups with expressed interest
 - Rescue Squad
 - Conservation & Recreation Committees
 - Considers to preserve habitat corridors
 - Royalton School Board
 - 3) Parameters on behalf of Planning Commission
 - Mixed use/multi-use
 - 4) Topography
 - Located nearby Town Office with forested areas
 - Discussion ensued regarding property's terrain with consideration of boundaries and proximity to developed land

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- ~ 190 acres
- Adjacent to cemetery on Rte. 14
- 5) Concerns
 - Pedestrian Traffic/ Safety concerns to/from property to/from village via bridge
 - Gravel timeline
 - Water & sewer needs
- 6) Objectives
 - Town uses
 - Sources of revenue
 - To achieve objective Beth Wilhite suggested an informational package for investment purposes

Future Meeting's Focus on Crawford Development

- To consider possibilities and constraints around possible uses
 - Discussion of gravel extraction timeline
 - Forestry plan
 - Concomitant with the Conservation Committee
 - Acreage necessary for programs use

Crawford Development Working Group

- Planning Commission members will continue to meet on the topic with concerned parties and the public including members from the Conservation Committee and Royalton School board

Motion to Approve minutes from previous meetings, May 9 & 23, 2016:

- Motion to approve minutes as amended
 - Moved by Tim Dreisbach; Seconded: Bushrod Powers; Unanimously passed

Future Events:

- Old Homes will take place July 28, 29, 30th – for interested vendors or event coordinators, contact Royalton Fire Department 802.763.8133

Next Planning Commission Meeting: July 11, 2016 at 7 PM EST at Royalton Academy Building

Motion to Adjourn

- Moved by David Brandau; Seconded: Mark Wood; Passed unanimously
 - Adjourned at 8:50 PM
 - Submitted by: Sandy El Hage, Recording Secretary