

Royalton Planning Commission Minutes

September 5, 2017

Members present:

Beth Willhite

Nell Gwin

Jim Rikert

Bushrod Powers

Mark Wood

Stuart Levasseur

Absent:

David Brandau

Roni Johnson

Public Present:

Alex Buskey

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Beth Willhite, Chair.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, motion to accept by Bushrod Powers, seconded by Jim Rikert, accepted as written by unanimous vote.

Open Seat

The Planning Commission has an open seat, the position which was left vacant when Tim Dreisbach joined the Selectboard remains unfilled. Earlier in the year Mark Wells expressed interest in an open seat. Willhite will check with Wells to see if he is still interested, any other candidates should make themselves known to the RPC.

Driveway Permits

The driveway permitting process needs to be reviewed, recent applications have met with delays which were due to meeting schedules not coinciding with the application times. The RPC normally only meets once a month and when an application arrives shortly after our monthly meeting it appears to be delayed waiting for the next meeting. Willhite will invite Road Foreman, Roger McCrillis and a Selectboard member to the next meeting to clarify the process and expectations. Understanding the flow will undoubtedly streamline the process for the applicants.

ACT 250 Permits

There is an ACT 250 permit in the works for a coffee roaster which intends to install roasting machines in the Chelsea Street storefront shared with Upper Pass Brewing. The status of the permit is it has been cleared for Agricultural Exceptions.

Another ACT 250 permit is in process for the former Journey Church/ Valley Craftsman Building, Bob Button intends on selling vehicles, equipment and materials at the South Windsor Street location.

Town Plan Revisions

Changes to the town plan need to undergo a public hearing before they can be submitted to the Selectboard, and the public hearing needs to be warned in the newspaper. Proposed changes still in process from earlier in the year for the Royalton Town Plan include changes to the Resources Conservation, and Agricultural Residential Sections. The RPC still needs to finalize language on clustered housing. At the next meeting, the RPC will discuss the sections for Resources Conservation, Agricultural Residential, and Definitions.

Re-appointments

Jim Rikert, Mark Wood, and Nell Gwin are up for re-appointment. Candidates need to get themselves on the Selectboard agenda. Rikert has been approved. Wood is on appointment.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the RPC will be a special meeting on Wednesday September 20th at 6:00 pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm with a motion by Bushrod Powers, seconded by Mark Wood.

Several members intended to attend the TRORC Energy Meeting at VLS which started at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stuart Levasseur, Recording Secretary.