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Royalton Planning Commission

Members Present:

Beth Willhite

Jim Rikert

Roni Johnson

Bushrod Powers

Mark Wood

Stuart Levasseur

Sarah Danly

Nell Gwin

The RPC meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Beth Willhite, Chair.

Driveway Permits

#1802 New residential driveway off Pepperil Road. The proposed site enters the field at an uphill grade where an existing farm access road to a field exists. Adjacent to a stream and culvert cross Pepperil the drainage for this site does not seem to be an issue but runoff from the new driveway could be a problem. RPC recommendation is to issue a conditional permit with 6" slope away from the road for the first 20'. Due to the narrow width of the driveway site trees need to be cleared to allow for a 25' curb cut.

Chair

Beth Willhite advised the RPC that her resignation from the RPC was effective with this meeting. Beth made a motion to nominate Stuart Levasseur for the position of Chair. Bushrod Powers seconded. There were no other nominations. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Levasseur as Chair.

Vermont Council on Rural Development

Beth Willhite announced the VCRD will hold a meeting on June 5th, location to be determined, to meet with members of the planning commissions and Selectboards of the 4 towns, Royalton Sharon, Strafford, and Tunbridge, from 6-8 pm. Sandy Conrad from the Royalton Selectboard, Sarah Danly and Nell Gwin from RPC expressed interest in attending for Royalton.

USDA Rural Development

Beth reported on a meeting she participated in on Friday May 11th with Kevin Geiger of TRORC, Andrew Puchalik of Upper Pass Beer and First Branch Coffee, and Ben Doyle of USDA Rural Development. The topic was improving business opportunity in Royalton with the USDA Business Loan Guarantee program.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bushrod Powers, seconded by Mark Wood, meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Stuart Levasseur, clerk.