

**West Rutland Planning Commission (PC) Meeting Minutes**  
**February 3, 2021 6:30pm Town Offices, 35 Marble St.**

**Members Present:** Denis Lincoln (Chair), Leona Minard, Michael Brzoza  
**Others Present:** Jeffrey Biasuzzi (Alternate & Recorder)

**Member Absent:** Sean Barrows

**Call to Order:** D. Lincoln called the Meeting to Order at 6:50 pm. It was not electronically recorded. The Chairman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** D. Lincoln requested a Motion to accept the draft agenda. L. Minard so Moved, M. Brzoza seconded, all approved and Motion passed.

**Adoption of Minutes:** J. Biasuzzi made a Motion to accept the Minutes of 11/4/2020. Discussion amended proposed language to Section 1103, adding (Town owned) Libraries to the list of permit exemptions for Town projects. L. Minard seconded, all approved and Motion passed.

**Public Comments/Input:** No public in attendance; no input submitted.

**Appointment of Officers:** Postponed to next meeting when full membership was in attendance.

**Review of Zoning Regulations:**

D. Lincoln opened meeting with research on Section 1020 (Vegetative Buffer Strips), He reported that ANR Steam Management currently recommends a minimum 50 foot buffer/ setback (from top of bank). There was consensus that this Section should reference compliance with VT Required Agricultural Practices and Water Quality Regulations

D. Lincoln reported information on (Farm) Animal regulation, submitting examples of ordinances from PA and Berlin VT. The PA ordinance included specifications for animal density and definitions (including wild animals). This subject needs further research and composition. There was discussion on if Animal Control rules should be a “free-standing” ordinance, instead of a Zoning regulation. J. Biasuzzi summarized the enforcement options (Judicial Court tickets vs. Environmental Court notices of Zoning violation) available. It was agreed to draft language, to then discuss with the Town Manager and Select Board on how proceed with adoption of this regulatory subject.

The Members accepted proposed revisions to Section 1023 and 1103, to be added to the draft Regulations.

**Other and Miscellaneous Business:** L. Minard reported on recent RRPC meetings.

J. Biasuzzi is to send Members the proposed Planned Unit Development regulations that Castleton is processing for adoption. Members are to review and compare with W.R’s current rules for P.U.D.’s

**Meeting Schedule:** The next scheduled P.C. meeting is for **Wednesday March 3, 2021, at New Time of 6:30 pm** at Town Office.

The Town Manager has established a ZOOM account for just PC or DRB Public Meetings. Mary Ann could Host the Meeting; but any Member is welcome to do so. J. Biasuzzi is to ask Town Manager for some ZOOM Host training for Members.

**Adjournment:**

M. Brzoza made a Motion to conclude the Meeting, L. Minard seconded, all approved and the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeffrey Biasuzzi

Approved \_\_\_\_\_