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**Town of West Rutland Development Review Board (DRB) Meeting
March 17, 2021- 7:00 pm - at Town Offices, 35 Marble St.**

DRB Members present: Mike Moser, Tim Ponto, Debra Higgins, Jon Wallace **DRB Member Absent:** Denis Lincoln
In Attendance via Telephone/ audio: Jeffrey Biasuzzi (Zoning Administrator & Recorder)

Chairman M. Moser called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was not recorded electronically.

Agenda: M. Moser noted amendment to the order of items in the draft agenda. He then for a Motion to approve the revised Agenda. T. Ponto so moved, all approved, Motion passed.

Minutes: As the Minutes of 11/18/2020 were un-available, the Chairman asked to reschedule approval until the next meeting. T. Ponto so Moved, all approved, Motion passed.

Change of Members: After about 18 years on the DRB, James Mumford declined re-appointment. M. Moser expressed the DRB's great APPRECIATION to Jim for his long service to the Town. New member Jon Wallace was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Annual Board Organization:

1. *Election of Officers:* T. Ponto Moved to reappoint M. Moser as Chair, who accepted the nomination. All approved and Motion passed.
M. Moser Moved to reappoint T. Ponto as Vice-Chair, who accepted the nomination. All approved and Motion passed.
Jon Moved to reappoint J. Biasuzzi as Secretary. All approved and Motion passed.
2. *Regular Meeting Schedule:* Members agreed that the DRB would continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, providing there was business to address.

Other and Miscellaneous Business:

1. *Review of Ethics policy:* This was rescheduled to the next meeting.
2. *Training Opportunities:* J. Biasuzzi had sent the AMP Chairs & Town Managers information on upcoming VLCT webinar training sessions, to distribute to panel members. The first session is at 11:00 am Thursday April 1st, on the important topic of Open Meeting Law. Interested members can go to info@VLCT.org to get info or register, and the Town will reimburse. If you opt to register yourself, W.R. is a PACIF member so tuition should be \$25, and you should qualify for additional 10% discount. OR, you can inform me of your intention to participate asap, and I can register all at once.
3. No PC Chairman report. J. Biasuzzi relayed that the PC was about 85% thru its efforts to update the entire Zoning regulations, and hope to hold adoption Hearings this summer. The ZA will email *drafts* to the DRB in April, to afford members the opportunity to review and make suggestions to correct or improve the regulations.
4. No RRPC report submitted.

Deliberative Session: No D.S. required.

Public Concerns & Input: No Public in attendance, no other input.

DRB Discussion: M. Moser updated members on the Appeal to Environmental Court by Brian Harrington, of the DRB's decision of Application 20-47. The Appellant is appealing the Decision, requesting the Court to "freeze" any transfer of parcels for sale by Premier Homes of VT until the required tree planting is done. Further, Mr. Harrington is insisting on a 3-year guarantee of survival, and perpetual maintenance or tree replacement thereafter. He is also asking the Court to evaluate the "no meeting approach" in declining his request for Reconsideration of the Decision.

J. Biasuzzi is responding to the Initial Court procedures required in an Appeal, providing the Interested Party information, and answering the Appellants Question List.

J. Biasuzzi asked if any Members were willing to Host Zoom attendance for future meetings. The new TV equipment in the Conference Room may be cable connected to a Host's computer, to allow for remote participation. Deb Higgins offered to host future meetings.

Schedule next Meeting: The next regular Meeting was scheduled **for 7:00 pm Wednesday April 21 2021**; at Town Office; providing there was business for the Board.

Adjournment:

J. Wallace Moved to close the Meeting. All approved, Motion passed and Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

J.M. Biasuzzi

Jeffrey M. Biasuzzi, recorder

Approved by the DRB on _____ , 2021, by

M. Moser, Chair