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**Town of West Rutland Development Review Board (DRB) Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022- 7:00 pm - at Town Offices, 35 Marble St.**

DRB Members present: Mike Moser, Tim Ponto, Deborah Higgins, Denis Lincoln **Member absent:** Jon Wallace
Attending in Person: Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Zoning Administrator (ZA) & Recorder

Chairman M. Moser called the Meeting to order at 7:20 pm, and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was not available remotely, and was not recorded electronically.

Agenda: M. Moser requested a change to the draft agenda, adding the annual Board re-organization; and then a Motion to approve the amended Agenda. D. Lincoln so Moved, all approved, Motion passed.

Minutes: The Chairman asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes of 2/16/2022. D. Higgins so Moved, all approved, Motion passed.

Public Concerns and Input: There was no Public and no issues identified

New Business:

a) Review draft letter to SB: Discussion opened on the draft letter to the Select Board (SB) submitted by the ZA, as requested in February's meeting. Written comments were submitted by J. Wallace, D. Higgins, D. Lincoln (copies attached). T. Ponto expressed his concern that the draft letter's content was not permit related, and not in the purview of the DRB. He felt the VT DMV should be the enforcement agency to notify of noisy vehicles that have been illegally modified.

M. Moser requested a Motion if the DRB should send the letter to the SB. T. Ponto opposed. D. Higgins stated the letter should be sent if its content reflected zoning matters. M. Moser noted that input to the SB from its residents is routine. J. Biasuzzi noted that speed enforcement had been a topic discussed at the 3/14/22 SB meeting. Upon further discussion, the consensus was to modify the draft letter, to reference the Member's support of SB efforts to improve and enforce existing ordinances on noise and speeding.

T. Ponto withdrew his earlier negative vote, and made a Motion to send a (modified) letter of support to the SB that encourages speed and noise ordinance enforcement. The ZA was asked to re-draft for next meeting. All members voted in favor, and the Motion passed.

b) Review draft updates to Zoning & Flood regulations: D. Lincoln & J. Biasuzzi discussed major changes to the current rule. These include allowing the DRB to consider a proposed use application not in Table of Uses; granting waivers for Multi-Family housing in the Village and Residential zoning districts; modifying parking requirements, removing the 5 acre minimum restriction on PUDs, updating Flood Hazard Area rules to allow fill under new structures.

c) Board Re-organization: T. Ponto Moved to have M. Moser continue as Chairman. All approved & Motion passed. M. Moser Moved to have T. Ponto to continue as vice-chair. All approved & Motion passed. D. Higgins nominated J. Biasuzzi to serve as Recorder. All approved & Motion passed. D. Higgins volunteered to serve as alternate Representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

Miscellaneous & Other Business: J. Biasuzzi discussed reclamation plans for Youngs Brook (removing the failed dam) would likely be a future conditional use review for the DRB.

DRB Discussion: No issues discussed.

Schedule next Meeting: The next regular Meeting was scheduled for 7:00 pm Wednesday April 20, 2022; at Town Office; providing there was business for the Board.

Adjournment: T. Ponto Moved to close the Meeting. All approved, Motion passed and Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

J.M. Biasuzzi

Jeffrey M. Biasuzzi, recorder

Approved by the DRB on _____, 2022, by _____

M. Moser, Chair

ATTACHMENTS!
INITIAL DRAFT

Zoning WR

From: Jon Wallace <Rustyigloo@gmx.com> on behalf of Jon Wallace
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 5:32 PM
To: Zoning WR
Subject: Re: DRAFT DRB to Select Board Ltr. of Concern Noise & Traffic

To the WRDRB;

Concerning the letter drafted, with the issue being vehicular noise...
If I may offer to include the verbiage of "enhanced muffler, including factory original instalation and post factory installation/modified exhaust parts." (not necessarily in that order, but in whatever order that helps define the issue concretely for the Select Board to then act on.

I hope that this helps the process "move forward" toward the success of our initial concerns.
I will miss seeing you all at tonight's meeting, Sincerely Jon Wallace

Select Board
Town of West Rutland VT

FROM D. LINCOLN & D. HIGGINS

RE: Letter of Concern from the West Rutland Development Review Board (DRB)

Dear Select Board Members.

In its February 16th regular Meeting, DRB members discussed recent noise and traffic issues *that* they have observed over the past year.

This letter is to relay significant concerns about the lack of enforcement of the Town's Objectional Noise and Speed Limit Ordinances. Prime focus is within the Village and adjacent Westway Mall commercial areas, with it concentration of residential population. During last year's warmer seasons, there were numerous sittings of muscle car races, high speed travel by cars *and trucks*; and no-muffler vehicles.

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The DRB request the Select Board to direct the Rutland Co. Sherriff's department to adjust it policies and schedule its contracted service times *to respond quickly to specific complaints* from a Select Board member or the Town Manager, so to catch the violator(s) in the act. The hope is that enough prosecution will encourage the habitual offenders to cease or go elsewhere, and the Town will establish a reputation that unsafe and nuisance activities will not be tolerated.

Respectfully submitted by the Chairman on behalf of the entire DRB;

Michael Moser