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**West Rutland Planning Commission (PC) Special Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes
November 30, 2022 6:30 pm Town Offices, 35 Marble St.**

Call to Order:

Members Present: D. Lincoln (Chair), Leona Minard, Sean Barrows Member Absent: Michael Brzoza
Also In Attendance: J. Biasuzzi (Zoning Administrator, PC Alternate & Recorder)

No in-person attendance. Remote attendance: Matt Moore (Evernorth)

D. Lincoln called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 pm, and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
The Meeting was recorded on Zoom.

Agenda:

L. Minard made a Motion to accept the draft agenda. S. Barrows seconded, all approved, and Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

L. Minard Moved to approve the 11/7/ 2022 minutes. S. Barrows seconded, all approved and Motion passed.

Open Public Hearing: D. Lincoln Opened the Hearing to review proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations and Map, Special Flood Hazard Area, Source Water Protection, and associated by-laws.

D. Lincoln introduced the PC members to Matt Moore, and summarized the Commission's two years of effort to bring the by-laws up to date with current needs. These include: improved definitions and clarified regulatory language, simplified Zoning districts, updated Table of Uses, amended setback and coverage requirements in order to provide owners with better utilization of their property and promote housing development; amend Flood Hazard rules so to allow fill for elevation of structures, allow for permit extensions, and a number of other minor improvements throughout the by-laws.

D. Lincoln opened the floor to the public for any questions or recommendations. M. Moore asked if there had been any very recent changes to the draft regulations. J. Biasuzzi responded that, at the 11/7/2022 meeting, the PC deleted Section 302 (which would have granted the DRB the option to review a Use not in Article III, Table of Uses) per the recommendation of the VLCT legal review.

D. Lincoln asked for any further comments from the Public, other Members and the Zoning Administrator. J. Biasuzzi commended the (past & current) PC members for all their efforts to develop these regulations. Hearing no further comments, the Chair requested a Motion to Close the Public Hearing and a recommendation to forward the draft Zoning regulations and maps to the Select Board for their approval. S. Barrows so Moved, L. Minard seconded,, All approved and the Motion passed.

Open Meeting for Other Public Input: None submitted.

Set Next Meeting

The PC set their next (special) meeting for 6:00 pm Monday Dec. 19, 2022 at Town office, to coincide with the anticipated Select Board Public Hearing on by-law adoption.

Adjournment

S. Barrows Moved to close the meeting, L. Minard seconded, all approved and meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by J. Biasuzzi

Approved: _____