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West Rutland Planning Commission (PC) Special Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023 6:00pm Town Offices, 35 Marble St.

Members Present: Sean Barrows (Chair), Michael Brzoza (Vice-Chair), Jim Flint; Leona Minard
Also Present: Jeffrey Biasuzzi (as P.C. Alternate & Recorder and Zoning Administrator)

Call to Order: Chair S. Barrows called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 pm, and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was not electronically recorded.

Agenda:

S. Barrows requested Motion to approve the proposed Agenda. M. Brzoza Moved to approve, L. Minard seconded, all approved, and Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

The June 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. J. Flint made a Motion to approve the Minutes as written, M. Brzoza seconded, all approved, and Motion passed.

Open Meeting to Public Input.

There was no Public in attendance nor written input received.

Initiate Updates to Town Plan (TP):

J. Flint presented his efforts to amend the current Town Plan format by:

- a) Improve its "readability".
- b) Reorganize so that Goals are at start of a Section
- c) Make Recommendations on how to achieve those goals.

He submitted an example of this approach with his re-write of the Energy Efficiency Section, outlining Goals and Recommendations (in accordance with the Land Use Plan), and discussing Electricity, Alternative Energy and Fossil Fuel uses. He also recommended bike path expansion as part of the Energy and Transportation Sections.

Future solar facility size and location was discussed. Currently, W. Rutland has only one commercial sized "solar farm" with a second (2.2 Mw Boardman Hill Solar) starting construction soon. At this rate, the Town is not likely to achieve its VT mandated volume of alternative energy credits by 2030. J. Biasuzzi is to research common definition for residential, commercial, and industrial scale solar generation projects. The PC to review at next meeting.

Discuss Other & Misc. Business

1. J. Biasuzzi updated Members on the Marble Village application (#23-09) for 24 Dwelling Units; as well as a brief discussion on Act 47 with its extensive revisions to Zoning regulations.
2. J. Biasuzzi is to request RRPC to provide current Census data.

Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled P.C. regular Meeting is for Wednesday August 2, 2023, at (regular) time of 6:00 pm at Town Office.

Adjournment:

S. Barrows requested a Motion to conclude the Meeting; M. Brzoza so moved, L. Minard seconded, All approved and the Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by J. Biasuzzi

Approved: _____