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**West Rutland Planning Commission (PC) Special Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2026 6:00pm Town Offices, 35 Marble St.**

Members Present: M. Brzoza, Tom Fagan, Leona Minard, Sean Barrows (Chair)  
Other(s) present: J. Biasuzzi (ZA and Recorder)

**Call to Order:** Chair Sean Barrows called the Special Meeting to Order at 6:10 pm and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was to make up for the regular March 3rd Meeting, which was cancelled due to Open Vote following Town Meeting Day. The PC Meeting was electronically recorded on Zoom.

**Agenda** L. Minard made a Motion to approve draft Agenda. T. Fagan seconded, All approved and the Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Members reviewed Minutes for the Special 1/13/2026 Meeting. T. Fagan Moved to approve Minutes as written, M. Brzoza seconded; L. Minard abstained (as she was absent that meeting). Four Members approved and the Motion passed.

**Public Input:** No Public participated in the Meeting.

**New/Continued Business:**

1. The Meeting opened with discussion on growing on-line and vocal disapproval with upcoming VT ACT 181 rule impact to the rural sectors of VT. For the first time in its 52 year history Act 250 would have jurisdiction on agricultural and silvicultural use. Commission members felt that the Town should have more regulatory say, and Act 250 should not have increased authority.
2. J. Biasuzzi requested the Panel to schedule the required Public Hearing for adoption of amended Flood Hazard Area regulations, which include River Corridor rules. The Members set a Public Hearing date of Wednesday April 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm in Town Office Conference Room; followed by a Special Meeting to replace the regular April 7, 2026 meeting. This special meeting would include the annual appointment of Officers and review of meeting policies.
3. Short Term Rentals (STRs): The members discussed the need to add STR regulations into the Zoning, or establish a separate ordinance. J. Biasuzzi noted that a change of use from residential to commercial (i.e. STRs) currently required a permit, adding VT Fire Marshal and waste-water rules into the process. He felt that the present volume of STRs was relatively small, compared to other towns. Member consensus was to re-visit this issue at a later time, as necessary.

**Schedule next Meeting:** The Regular PC Meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup> is Cancelled. **A Special Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 15, 2026, starting at approximately 6:30 pm (and/or following the Public Hearing) at Town Office (35 Marble St.).**

**Adjournment:** L. Minard made a Motion to end the Meeting. M. Brzoza seconded, all approved, and the Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Biasuzzi    Approved \_\_\_\_\_