

Poultney Planning Commission
Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 6:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

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95 Main Street

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Members in attendance (via Zoom) included Russ Hoffman, Mark Teetor, Neal Vreeland, and Jaime Lee. Others in attendance included Paul Donaldson, Zoning Administrator, Amanda O'Connor, Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) Community Planner, and Tara Kelly, Zoning Administrator for the City of Rutland.

1) Adoption of the Agenda

Mark T. made a motion to approve the agenda. Neal V. seconded. No further discussion. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

2) Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2021

Tabled.

3) Public Comments and Concerns

The floor was opened to the public for comment.

4) Municipal Planning Grant FY20

The Committee discussed ongoing progress with the Town Plan Update. The goals and objectives from the Transportation chapter will be sent along via email for closer review. Amanda O. of the RRPC is working on a website to enhance public outreach efforts.

Tara Kelly, Zoning Administrator for the City of Rutland, joined the meeting to discuss her experience revising the city's Zoning Ordinance to accommodate creative re-development of the College of Saint Joseph campus. Interestingly, the amendments to the Zoning included a provision that offered the Zoning Administrator wide latitude in determining whether proposed uses are "substantially similar to the uses associated with the former College campus."

In all, the amendment was well received by the town, including neighboring property owners and members of the community at large.

5) Old Business

Neal V. reminded Commission members that the Selectboard still needs to approve minor updates to the Unified Bylaws. Paul D., having now completed compilation of the 2020 Poultney Town Report, will introduce the matter at an upcoming Selectboard meeting.

6) New Business

Jaime L. proposed that the Planning Commission write a Letter of Support for a local grant opportunity, Better Connections. Neal V. made a motion to approved the letter of support on behalf of the Planning Commission. Russ H. seconded. Oral vote unanimous.

7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business

N/A

8) Adjourn

Russ H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Planning Commission. Mark T. seconded. Oral vote unanimous, meeting adjourned.

s/ Jaime Lee, Chair