

Royalton Planning Commission

APPROVED – Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2010

Members Attending: Barcelow, Beguin, Boles, Brandau, Judge, Levasseur

Guests Attending: Geoff Hand (Attorney), Christian Petrangelo (Note Taker)

Meeting came to order at 7:03 PM.

1. Geoff Hand, re Times & Seasons

- Levasseur stated that Times and Seasons has appealed from the Vermont Environmental Court to the Vermont Supreme Court.
- Attorney Hand stated that Appellant's brief will be due 30 days after the record is complete, with a likely 30 day extension.
 - RPC's deadline will probably be around Sept. 15.
 - A final decision will take at least three months to a year.
- Discussion ensued.
- Barcelow moved to go into Executive Session. Beguin seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. RPC in executive session at 7:07 PM.
- RPC out of executive session at 7:55 PM.
- Beguin moved (1) to recommend to the Select Board to continue with the case because it would set precedent for preserving the integrity of the land use planning process and (2) to request no more than \$200 for filing /printing fees, of which the Select Board should be notified.
 - Barcelow seconded. Barcelow, Beguin, Brandau, Judge, and Levasseur in favor. Boles opposed. Motion carries.
- Attorney Hand departed the meeting.

2. Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2010

- Levasseur moved to accept minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Eaton Driveway Access

- Discussion ensued.
- Judge moved to accept driveway access plans. Boles seconded. Motion carries.
- Brandau moved to amend the prior motion to include a condition that RPC accept the plans for a new driveway pursuant to discontinuance of the old driveway. Beguin seconded. All in favor. Motion carries as amended.

4. Noise Ordinance

- Levasseur stated that the noise ordinance had been recently reported in the newspaper and that she wanted RPC to take notice of it.
 - Levasseur stated that the Select Board had allegedly approved the ordinance a few weeks ago.
 - Levasseur suggested signing petitions to bring the matter to a vote.
 - Levasseur considered the ordinance a license to complain about neighbors.
- Discussion ensued: How did the ordinance arise? Is it just a way to make money?
- Brandau stated that the violation fines are so minimal that the ordinance would probably not bring in much money.
- Levasseur articulated that the ordinance contains no time divisions, no decibel levels, and is generally vague.
- Brandau stated that the ordinance is all-inclusive.
- Judge stated that the Select Board should have allowed RPC some input on the ordinance.
- Levasseur asked whether or not RPC would like to voice an opinion about the ordinance to the Select Board.
 - Judge moved that RPC take no action on the ordinance and leave the issue to the Select Board. All in favor. Motion carries.

5. Roylton Revised Town Plan

- Brandau stated that RPC is now eligible for funds that are no longer available.
- Brandau stated that the regional planning and economic development apparatus is in jeopardy.
- Brandau quoted from a publication that the Roylton Town Plan is “a reasonably well-written town plan.”
 - Big issue: Two Rivers’ map “does not match ours.”

6. Next Meeting

- Item #2 on RPC Agenda, “Charlie Welch, re signs,” was not addressed tonight.
- The next RPC meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2010.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Judge moved to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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