

Royalton Planning Commission

DRAFT – Minutes

Monday, September 27, 2010

Members Attending: Barcelow, Beguin, Brandau, Gravel, Levasseur

Guests Attending: Christian Petrangelo (Note Taker)

Meeting came to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Minutes, August 23, 2010

- Barcelow moved to accept minutes. Brandau seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Update: T&S - Briefs Filed at VT Supreme Court

- Levasseur summarized T&S's argument that changes in "agricultural soils" as defined under the law supports T&S. State/RPC lawyers will respond that it is too late for T&S to make the "agricultural soils" argument.
 - Oral arguments are being prepared.

3. Upcoming Seminar

- Levasseur discussed the upcoming Planning and Zoning Forum, to be presented by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns in Montpelier on Thursday, October 28. Registration deadline is October 21.
 - Topics include → understanding homeowners associations; agricultural uses and municipal regulation; intersection of state and municipal jurisdiction
- Levasseur expressed her interest in attending the Forum and asked who else would like to go.
 - Beguin tentatively agreed to attend and stated that "on-record review" will be covered, which is currently "one step ahead" of RPC.
- Barcelow offered notice of another zoning seminar run by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to take place on October 21.

4. Municipal Planning Grants / Draft Bylaws

- Levasseur said that Kevin sent notice of municipal planning grants that are due on November 30. Grant decisions will be announced on December 31. Statewide priorities emphasize implementation of municipal plans.

- Less money is available than in the past.
 - If RPC is ready to put its plans to a vote, Kevin recommended a small request in the range of \$8,000 – \$15,000.
 - RPC is aiming for a vote in March 2011.
- Brandau stated that RPC first needs to present to Select Board.
- Beguin added that RPC has a tight timeline in preparing plans for a vote at the next town meeting.
 - Levasseur responded that town meeting is the proper forum and that there is nothing wrong in aiming for that time frame.
- Beguin stated that RPC does not know if Select Board will approve the plans.
 - Levasseur clarified that, if and when RPC feels that it is ready to ask Select Board for its approval, RPC needs that approval before presenting plans to others.
 - Beguin said that RPC seems to have a workable draft.
 - Levasseur agreed.
- Levasseur, referring to Bylaws (New Draft #11), said that it addresses the issues that RPC talked about in July. At that time, Kevin replied that he did not have time to look at the draft.
- Levasseur stated that RPC has not thoroughly gone over the Subdivision section (after pg. 11) and recommended combining this analysis with the “Scorecard” exercise at the next meeting.
- Levasseur said that, instead of resending the draft, she would make hard copies and bring them next time.

5. Other Business, If Any

- Beguin requested that someone inquire if Kevin can either send files in PDF or lower his DPI (resolution).

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Barcelow moved to adjourn. Brandau seconded. All in favor. Meeting ended at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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