

Royalton Planning Board Minutes July 28, 2008 DRAFT.

Present: J Levasseur, D Brandau, J Goldstein, S Judge, R Beguin

Brandau moved to accept minutes of June 23rd. Judge seconded. Corrected typo. Approved.

Brandau moved to pass July 14 minutes. Judge seconded. Approved.

Lost minutes of June 9. Brandau moved to note that Two Rivers worked with the Board on revising the town plan. Judge seconded. Discussion noted that editorial changes that were approved that night were incorporated into the next draft. Approved.

Applicants for the Board appointments. Discussion of whether there were enough applicants to fill 3 vacancies, and of reducing number on Board from 9 to 7, considering that Board has been functioning without full membership for some time. Is it too difficult to keep a 9 member Commission, is it productive?

Beguin moved to recommend to the Selectboard that the Planning Board consist of seven (7) members. Goldstein seconded. Discussion, would this be flexible depending on applicant interest in the future. 3 Yes, 1 Abstain.

Driveway Access permit, Nichols on Davis Road. Discussion: should be a conditional approval: tree needs to be removed as per road foreman notes. Brandau moved to approve. Judge seconded. Approved as "Conditional Approval. Take tree down as noted above."

Discussion: what about driveway going in before permit approval, as in this case. If the driveway is in should the Planning Board be part of the process. Brandau moved to request a joint meeting with the Selectboard and road foreman about the process. Discussion: factor of time-line, and expectations in the ordinance, fines for non-compliance. Board is already trying to make process a quick turn around as possible, or should it be removed from process. Is road foreman's approval sufficient? Board responsibility is to review driveway access in the overall impact to town plan, changes in neighborhoods, while the road foreman is looking as impact on town road and drainage.

Board agreed it would be good to meet with selectboard. Levasseur would put it on agenda.

The Board worked on Chapters 10 and 11 of the edited town plan draft.

Ch 10. Voted to have "commercial signs illuminated from above." Delete "patterns. And to use the word "adjacent" instead of "close to".

Judge stated that the rest of the document looked fine. Judge moved to adjourn/ Goldstein seconded. Approved.

Rebecca, World's Fair