

Royalton Planning Commission

Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2009

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

Guests Attending: Kira Bryers (Note Taker)

Meeting came to order at 7:15 PM.

1. March 23, 2009 Minutes

- Judge moved to accept. Brandau seconded. All others in favor. Motion carries.

2. Tullar Driveway Access

- Beguin asked if the RPC wants a conditional approval based on what the foreman and crew said about the project
- Levasseur asked if it was Boles' understanding that water would go right across the driveway
- Boles stated that water would be better shooting across the driveway and over the bank
- Levasseur stated that site distances look okay and crossing from brook looks like there is a lot of work ahead
- Beguin asked if the RPC has any conditions
- Brandau stated that the RPC's capacities end at the road – as far as the brook is concerned, RPC is at the mercy of A&R/State of VT
- Beguin asked if the bridge just goes to one home – yes, it does
- Roger doesn't mention having a 20' approach level with the roadway on the permit application
- Brandau moved to accept with conditions as mentioned by road foreman and grade of 5% or less. Boles seconded. All others in favor. Motion carries.

3. SoRo Rep to Stagecoach

- Levasseur stated that South Royalton needs a representative to the Stagecoach and it doesn't need to be a member of the RPC – someone from the town can be on the board of directors
 - Levasseur is unsure of their schedule
 - Levasseur stated that if anyone is interested to please contact Nate
 - Every town that gives money to Stagecoach can have a representative
 - If no RPC members are interested, then the search will go to the whole town
- No one from the RPC is interested in the position. If anyone changes their mind, they will let Nate know.

4. Communication from Geoff Hand, SDK&S

- Hand emailed Levasseur about Times and Seasons → going again for another Motion for Reconsideration on their property
- Act 250 Environmental Court Hearing will be held on April 14, 2009
- Hand offered to attend the hearing free of charge to the RPC for advice/future recommendations
- It will be fine for Levasseur to email Hand after tonight's meeting to let him know whether or not the RPC wants him to attend
- Brandau moved to ask Hand to attend the Hearing. Beguin seconded. All others in favor. Motion carries.
- Brandau stated that the outlook is good for the RPC as far as the Times and Seasons appeal goes → he doesn't think that the RPC needs to spend any more money on this issue
- Levasseur stated that she knows the Select Board doesn't want the RPC to spend any more money on the issue and the Select Board was angry about continuing involvement in Times and Seasons

5. Minutes/Future Note-Taking

- Bryers will be unable to attend the next RPC meeting and meetings during the summer
- Levasseur asked the RPC whether or not they wanted to find a new Note Taker or wait until August for Bryers to return
- RPC asked Bryers if she wanted to return in August – she does
- Beguin will take notes until Bryers returns in August

6. Town Plan

- Levasseur stated that the RPC should make an effort to draft a proposed change to discuss changes reasonably with proposals in front of members
- Alan Turner: RPC has not come back to the issue of Scenic Areas at this meeting and if Turner wishes to revisit this issue, he should prepare a draft of proposed changes
- Brandau stated that at some point, the RPC needs to set a timeline for hearings and approval of the Plan
- Beguin stated that the RPC should start the approval process by June
- Brandau stated that comments to the Plan can be addressed at a public hearing
- Beguin asked if the RPC can start on the Bylaws at this next meeting – yes. Ridgelines, Water Supply, Scenic Areas – Beguin suggested that the RPC start with these areas for review in the Plan
- Judge stated that people might be confused about zoning – zoning can protect aesthetics and serve as guidelines for proper development

7. Next Meeting

- The next RPC meeting will be held on April 27, 2009.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Judge moved to adjourn. Brandau seconded. All in favor of adjourning. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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