

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2015
TOWN OFFICES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bruno, S. Seguin, F. Giannini, J. Pintello

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: J. Master

OTHERS PRESENT: E. Bove, Chairman RRPC

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by J. Bruno.

J. Bruno stated that there was about \$4,500.00 left over from the Grant and he felt that the work that was done by M. Crane was not worth \$8,000.00 and the Board agreed.

J. Bruno stated that the commercial zone that we develop should be zoned 2 acres so that a businesses that come here will have room to expand.

J. Hale stated that the first step is to re-zone and to create the necessary elements that an investor is looking for. We should hire a specialist in marketing real estate. He stated that M. Crane should be hired. M. Crane is asking \$15,000.00.

Members of the Board agreed that they do not have \$15,000.00.

S. Seguin stated that there are better uses for that money and that Rutland Economic Dev. is also available to help.

V. Waldron made a suggestion to approach UVM or Castleton College as a resource for marketing the project as a class project.

J. Bruno brought up the issue of where the lines are to be drawn for new zoning. Should they use current property lines or draw new lines thru properties.

E. Bove joined the meeting at 7:50pm.

J. Bruno stated that the Board is looking for advice from E. Bove.

E. Bove replied that RRPC is committed to finishing this project no matter what the budget is, until the Board is happy. E. Bove stated that an overlay map for the RT 30 zone is needed.

J. Bruno asked when the Grant money had to be used by. E. Bove replied the Board had till the end of May, 2015.

J. Bruno stated that each member of the Board would come up with their own ideas for

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boundary lines to share at the next meeting. Also come to meeting with setbacks, building forms and some uses for the land.

J. Hale asked what the next step was after zoning changes.

E. Bove replied that it was marketing and recruitment and that J. Stewart from REDC could help with that.

J. Bruno told E. Bove that it was okay for E. Bove to handle the remaining money as he sees fit as long as E. Bove carries thru with his promise to see the project thru to the end.

The next meeting will be January 27, 2015 with E. Bove to go over drafts of maps and thoughts on how to accomplish zone changes.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL - OCTOBER 14, 2014

MOTION:

S. Seguin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Oct. 14, 2014. Seconded by F. Giannini. All in favor. So voted.

ADJOURN

MOTION

S. Seguin made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. F. Giannini seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Waldron

Date of Approval