

**TOWN OF CASTLETON**  
**SPECIAL**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2018**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Bruno, J. Currie, C. Smith, R. Franzoni, J. Pintello

**CALL TO ORDER:** C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**MOTION:** J. Bruno made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by C. Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 15, 2018**

**MOTION:** J. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2018 pending the removal of C. Smith's remark about wanting lights on Main St. Seconded by C. Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**DISCUSSION - CONTINUE CONVERSATION REGARDING "TABLE OF USES."**

J. Bruno stated that he is not satisfied with the Zoning Administrator (ZA). He states he does not follow the town's rules and is not consistent in his permits. He states there are certain individuals that are given permits without being in compliance, but others who are in compliance are denied. He gave an example of J. Rehlen's deck which was built finding a way around the zoning. Another example was ZA charging for demolition. J. Bruno asked for a list from ZA of when demolition was charged and out of four charges, two of them never had anything rebuilt on them, and two did. He states that the Planning Commission and DRB and ZA should all be on the same page for the town to function properly. C. Smith agreed and said the ZA's handling of these certain situations and the DRB parking issue have been unacceptable. J. Bruno stated that the Select Board has asked the ZA to abstain from DRB meetings, but he continues to go anyway. He said the DRB does whatever the ZA says without question and that the decisions are written in the ZA's own words without minutes from meetings. C. Smith stated that the DRB is not functioning properly and should be removed. J. Currie drafted a letter to the Select Board stating that the Planning Commission will not continue working unless drastic measures are taken to hold the ZA and DRB responsible and make them follow the rules or be replaced. J. Currie stated that the removal process for ZA starts with a statement from the Planning Commission and then needs to be passed on to the Select Board to have a hearing in which the ZA would be able to submit proof and witnesses.

**MOTION:** J. Pintello made a motion to submit the letter of vote of nonconfidence in ZA to Select Board. C. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

J. Currie thanks R. Franzoni for submitting the Lake Bomoseen info.

B. Wood asked when the new Town Plan would be available. Town Clerk will post on website. J. Currie stated it must be adopted by 8/18/18.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL 1 V.S.A SECTION 303 (3) (a) (3)**

**MOTION:** J. Bruno made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel Per 1 V.S.A. Section 303 (3) (a) (3). C. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**MOTION:** J. Bruno made a motion to exit Executive Session with no action taken. C. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

B. Wood asked about the village designation. J. Currie replied it is still being worked on. B. Wood said he would find application for the Town Green designation and email to RRPC. Janet was given a copy. Hydeville Green is currently the only town designation. B. Wood said a Village designation is available with a Federal Grant by the ADA if in compliance. It is an open-ended grant with no end date for between \$30,000 and \$1,000,000 with a 25% match. He talked about the handicap entrance to the library needing to be upgraded as it is hard for people in a wheelchair to get down the crushed slate path. He asked if the town owns the library. J. Bruno said the town owns the building, but the property belongs to Kings of London and the town has a 500-year lease on it along with the village school. B. Wood asked why the minutes for the Library Board are not posted if the town owns it. J. Bruno said he didn't know and it was a good question.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** J. Bruno made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:15pm. Seconded by C. Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**MOTION:** J. Bruno made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:50pm with no action taken. R. Franzoni seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** J. Bruno made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J. Pintello. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully,

Darcy Van Noordt

Date of Approval: 12 June 2018