

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2017
TOWN OFFICES- CASTLETON**

MEMBERS PRESENT; J. Bruno, B. Longtin, J. Currie

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Pintello

AGENDA APPROVAL: MOTION: B. Longtin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Currie. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ACT 174 UPDATE FOR TOWN PLAN-ED BOVE, RRPC

B. Longtin asked E. Bove for help with the language for the Town Plan regarding ACT 174, so the town is compliant and is protected.

E. Bove stated that RRPC is also working on the language for their plan. He stated that there is a document stating standards that need to be met for certification by the state. There is data that will need to be included, goals for energy efficiency, targets for wind, solar and BioMass energy's.

If these are met the Town Plan can be certified by the Public Service Board which will give the town a voice with future siting issues.

E. Bove stated that once the checklist is completed and protected areas are identified i.e. Grampa's Knob, no wind on ridge lines, RRPC will develop the map for us. The map must also include future land use and show future zoning changes.

J. Currie stated that part of the language will be that any projects will have to benefit the Town of Castleton in some way.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Z. Hale and J. Hale of Bennington introduced themselves informed the Board of a plan regarding land.

They are interested in purchasing the land and building a 6 unit housing to begin with.

J. Bruno asked if they have talked to the University.

Z. Hale stated that he had a meeting later this week with the University.

J. Hale also noted that with the University is expanding into Rutland, showing a need for more housing in Castleton.

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J. Bruno asked J. Hale and Z. Hale to bring a plot plan to the Select Board meeting after they meet with the University.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL- JANUARY 10, 2017

MOTION: B. Longtin made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2017. Seconded by J. Currie. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

MOTION: B. Longtin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Currie. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully

V. Waldron

Date of Approval