

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2017
TOWN OFFICES- CASTLETON**

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

MEMBER ABSENT: J. Bruno

CALL TO ORDER: B. Longtin called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

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

REVIEW TOWN PLAN- DRAFT FINAL

J. Currie presented the members with a final draft of the Town Plan. She notes that the picture on the front will be of the new Town Office. The font will be corrected. The draft will now be given to E. Bove, at RRPC, so that the energy section can be filled in for us. Continuing, she also noted that updated information from the State of Vermont in regards to educational statistics will be done while draft is at RRPC.

J. Currie states that now redrafting ordinances that will encourage bringing specific businesses into Castleton will need to be addressed.

Z. Hale asked why the town is not part of REDC, and proposed that the town needs to become part of the organization.

J. Currie replied that she is a representative and asked if Z. Hale if he would be interested in being a co-representative.

Z. Hale stated he would be interested.
J. Currie will be look into this.

The Commission agreed to send the final draft of the Town Plan to E. Bove at RRPC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

J. Currie spoke to J. Bruno before the meeting and was informed that there will be a joint meeting with the DRB, Planning, Zoning Administrator on May 2, 2017.

J. Currie stated that she attended the Economic Development Committee on 4/20/2017. There will be another meeting next month.

Z. Hale stated that single family housing in Castleton needs to be addressed. He noted that most of the housing is for students and he attended the EDC meeting and commented that ACT250 does help small businesses by keeping out the big businesses.

Z. Hale noted that as a developer looking at the Rutland area, it was REDC who provided him with

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a plan and a direction, showed them properties that fit into their ideas. He would like to have that type of help in Castleton.

J. Currie stated that a sign ordinance is something that needs to be addressed in Castleton, and asked about the progress on the creating of side walks in Castleton.

J. Potter responded that there are two phases. Phase one was to create a sidewalk from the Medical Center to Drake Road. Phase two was from Drake Road to Hydeville Post Office. It now looks like phase 2 will happen before phase 1 due to the sewer project that will take place next year from Four Corners down to the Wastewater Plant.

J. Currie asked about sidewalks in the Village. There are grants thru RRPC to connect the village that she would like to apply for.

J. Potter stated there is a bike path grant from the State that she received from the state.

J. Currie stated there needs to be increased signage for crosswalks at the new Lake Pub and Grille and the Lake House.

J. Potter informed J. Currie that she needed to get in touch with B. Faley from VTRANS regarding those issues.

Z. Hale did note that there needed to be a place/time when all the players that want to help improve and grow Castleton can get together. He will speak to the University since they are a huge part of the community.

J. Currie noted that the next two meetings are May 9th & May 23rd, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION: J. Currie made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 8:00pm. Seconded by J. Pintello. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MOTION: J. Currie made a motion to come out of Executive Session with no action taken at 8:43pm. Seconded by J. Pintello. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL- APRIL 10, 2017

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

ADJOURN: MOTION: J. Currie made a motion to adjourn at 8:44pm. Seconded by J. Pintello. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully

V. Waldron

Date of Approval