

**TOWN OF CASTLETON  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Castleton Town Hall  
263 VT – 30  
Bomoseen, VT 05732**

**PRESENT:** Janet Currie, Chair; Robert Franzoni, Planning Commission member; Jonas Rosenthal, Zoning Administrator; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary/Planning Commission alternate.

**ABSENT:** Joe Bruno, Vice Chair; John Pintello, Planning Commission member; Val Waldrun, Planning Commission member;

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Ms. Currie called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Ms. LeBrun made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Franzoni seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – October 15, 2019 and October 29, 2019**

**Ms. LeBrun made a motion to accept the minutes of October 29, 2019. Mr. Franzoni seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

The minutes of October 15, 2019 still could not be accepted as there were not enough members who were present available for the vote.

**PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Franzoni shared documentation of Design Standards for Planned Residential Development in rural districts. Mr. Franzoni wants to put together a list of subdivisions for Jonas Rosenthal to use as a reference as there is nothing currently in the zoning regulations. Further discussion was held regarding implementing PRD's in Castleton. Mr. Franzoni will continue to gather information. Ms. Currie asked for some pictures and would like to contact the Two Rivers Planning Commission for more information about the PRD's in Norwich, VT which Mr. Franzoni is referencing.

**DISCUSSION CURRENT INITIATIVES & STATUS UPDATE**

Ms. Currie went to a class at Castleton University today and spoke to Christine E. Carmichael, PhD, Natural Resource Management. There were 20 students in the class. Ms. Currie spoke to the students about what Planning is and what she does in it. She had quite a few questions about how to deal with people who are burning trash, what municipal tickets are what the repercussions of those are.

Ms. Currie spoke about the Castleton Forest in Crystal Heights, were there any plans for that area. Ms. Currie identified some educational purposes that were discussed in the Town Plan. She also talked about getting involved and coming to meetings. She shared that she realized that she gets to participate in building a Town. Ms. Currie talked about how to bring incoming Freshman to Castleton and how to keep outgoing Seniors in the Town. Overall it was a good meeting.

They talked about Brownsfield grants, clean water and other hot topics. Mr. Rosenthal shared that Ed Bove would like more information about the Amery property for a Brownsfield grant.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Rosenthal shared that Mr. Jones has hired Mrs. Susan Schreiber to write 2 grants for VTrans Transportation Alternatives grants for stormwater and sidewalks and lighting. We need to get some letters of support for both grants. For the Stormwater grant it was recommended that they contact Nancy Mark for the Castleton library, Kim Prehoda for the Castleton Village School and John Rehlen for the Village Store, Deli and Diner.

For the sidewalks and lighting it was recommended to contact JoAnne Reilly, John Rehlen, Castleton University, etc.

Mr. Rosenthal shared that Richard Amore mentioned is taking a break in the Better Connections Grant and will begin again in Spring of 2020.

The MPG Grant will not be decided until December 2019.

Zoning for Great Places, the state selected 6 Towns. They are looking at increasing density in towns and making the downtown centers more walkable and accessible. Mr. Rosenthal and Ed Bove attended the meeting in Montpelier last week. They reviewed the Castleton zoning map.

The stormwater budget is off. Mrs. Schreiber is waiting for Hillary Sullivan to get back to her.

Ms. Currie asked if there were any other grants coming up that the Commission should be thinking about.

Mr. Rosenthal mentioned the Brownsfield grants, Mr. Bove encouraged the application be submitted as soon as possible. Mr. Rosenthal asked for a synopsis of the property, there is a truck that has been there, we think it is contaminated but we are not sure, etc.

Ms. LeBrun shared the discussion from the Select Board meeting last night regarding the Holiday Bazaar, Tree Lighting and Lighted Parade in the Castleton Village on December 7, 2019. Ms. LeBrun also shared that there will be an event at the Hillside Cemetery on December 14, 2019 for Wreaths Across America where 320 wreaths will be placed on veterans' graves in the cemetery.

Ms. Currie asked what the situation is with the old building that Mr. Rehlen purchased? There is a law office in the building at this time and a museum in the basement. Ms. Currie would like to see if there was a way that we could get the candy store in there. Ms. Currie would also like to see if there is a way that we could invite some businesses into Town.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on November 26, 2019.

#### **ADJOURN**

**Ms. LeBrun made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 7:58pm. Mr. Franzoni seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary