

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00pm
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

The meeting was called to order by Planning Commission Chair, Janet Currie at 7:03pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Franzoni made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Rosenthal seconded the motion.

The decision was made to remove Commence review of zoning sections and Discuss possible date for state tax credits.

All were in favor, the motion passed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – May 28, 2019

Ms. LeBrun made a motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2019. Mr. Franzoni seconded the motion.

Mr. Rosenthal noted that he had some trouble reading the names of those who attended.

All present were in favor and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Currie wrote a letter of support of the Vermont Community Development Implementation Grant for Castleton University establishing a childcare facility to be located on the University Campus. Ms. Currie shared with the Planning Commission that new plan is to locate the childcare center at the current location of the President's house and the President will relocate. The President's current home complies with all zoning regulations and will be a benefit to the community.

Phase II for the Sandhill project is underway. The project is an assisted living/memory care facility that will be incorporated into the Castleton University nursing program. This project will also be good for the community and local towns.

Ms. Currie met with Jim Amery's sons. They inherited his property next to Dollar General in Castleton with the old trucks. They have been removing trucks and cleaning up the property, it is starting to look much better.

Regarding sidewalks – Ms. Currie thinks they look great, the commission agreed. All noted that it was great to see people out walking and riding bikes on the sidewalks. They are aesthetically pleasing and safe

Mrs. Stewart will work on Board Terms. In 2019, Mr. Franzoni's term on the Planning Commission will be up. Mr. Franzoni has already submitted a letter of intent to remain on the Planning Commission to the Town Manager's office. All current members need to submit a letter of intent as well. Ms. Currie will inform Mr. Bruno and Mr. Pintello as well.

Ms. Currie and Mr. Rosenthal spoke to Amanda O'Conner and Ed Bove of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Municipal Planning Grants are becoming available. Now that Castleton has the Village designations, it would be a good idea for the Town to look into these grants.

Mr. Rosenthal provided the members with a list of Municipal Planning Grants from FY19 to review and see what may apply to Castleton. Mr. Rosenthal also provided the MPG questions and thought it would be good for the commission to review what other Town's had done. Mr. Rosenthal would like members to mark the grants that they feel may be best suited to Castleton and send him a list. Ms. Currie would like to use a grant for the zoning for dummies project. The grant would pay up to possible \$8,000 to Rutland Regional Planning Commission to work on Town of Castleton Zoning Subdivision and flood housing and is due in September.

Ms. Currie asked Mr. Rosenthal where the Commission was with regard to signage and zoning for Amtrak.

Richard Moray emailed downtown village center tax credits. Mr. Rosenthal got an email from Caitlin Corkins about the Ellis Project and Paul Martin; they are both considered to be good projects for Tax Credits. Mr. Rosenthal noted that they may want to hire consultant to assist them with the tax credits. There is a list available online as well in the Zoning Administrators office.

Mr. Rosenthal spoke to Nancy Mark on Friday and talked about the Library design and how expensive it is. Mrs. Mark would like the Library Board to meet with the CDBG to come down and take a look.

Ms. Currie asked if there was anyone who the Planning Commission did not talk to regarding any new buildings in the area? Mr. Franzoni has heard some information about the Old Fire Station, but it is not confirmed.

Mr. Rosenthal stated that permits are slowing down, but calls are still coming in.

Ms. Currie asked about a sidewalk and crosswalk on Route 30 near the Like Bomoseen Inn and the Tap Room. She has spoken to Kyle and Greg Juewitt, and believes it was approved by Theresa Gilman, but she will call as she would like to know what is going on.

Mr. Franzoni stated that Route 30 North past Drake Road needs a lot of work.

Mr. Rosenthal has talked to Mr. Jones about setting up Committees. Mr. Rosenthal feels that getting the VTDP to help prioritize would be good.

ADJOURN

Ms. LeBrun made a motion to close the Planning Commission meeting at 8 p.m. Mr. Franzoni seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary