

Royalton Planning Commission

January 03, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

Members present: Geo Honigford-Chair, Stuart Levasseur, Sarah Danley, Bushrod Powers,

Peter Anderson, Roni Johnson, Nell Gwin, Patrick Dakin

Absent: David Brandau

Chairman Geo Honigford called for approval of the minutes of previous meetings as posted on the town website. There was no meeting held on December 6, 2022 due to lack of a quorum.

A walk of Class 4 roads scheduled for December 19 was cancelled due to weather.

There was no TRORC report.

No activity on the ACT 250 permit at the Aubuchon site.

Discussion on the Planning Commission's role in the access permit process, driveway permits will only be reviewed by the planning commission if they are impacted by the town plan.

ATV ordinance update- On December 27th the Selectboard approved an ordinance to allow ATV traffic on sections of town highways, this was met by opposition from a group of concerned citizens who are preparing a petition to repeal the ordinance.

Discussion about revisions to the town plan to clarify language concerning land use and development. At what point do minor revisions become major revisions. It was discussed if the Selectboard is the arbitrator for minor vs major revisions, and should the voters be asked if the town wants stricter regulations on future development. The Planning Commission wants to stress that education about the process is necessary and decided to ask the Selectboard to add an agenda item for a discussion at town meeting, not a binding vote but to determine how the voters feel about revising the town plan for the purpose of future planning.

Discussion about flood plain regulations and the differences between 100 year vs 500 year flood plain as well as other levels such as 1000 year and 10,000 year flood plains. The consensus is that we have a responsibility to future generations to anticipate the changes in climate and acknowledge that growth and development in our town will need governance in this area.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 7th

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Stuart Levasseur - Clerk

