

February 3, 2015 Minutes of the Rochester Planning Commission***Unapproved***

Present: Board Members Dan McKinley, Julie Martin, David Curtis, Eric Bowman, John Allen; Administrative Officer Doon Hinderyckx; Public: None

Call to Order: Dan called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Minutes: Julie moved to accept the minutes of January 6, 2015 as written. All in favor; so voted.

New Business/Public Comment/Inquiries:

Dan gave the board an update on the Sustainable Communities Project. The first meeting was held in Hancock and the second in Rochester. Only a handful of residents/officials from the surrounding towns attended. There is a \$120K grant available from the "High Meadows Fund". In working with the White River Partnership, it's possible the 5-Town Area could write a proposal and obtain some of these funds for Community/Flood Resilience. Those in attendance made a list of multiple targets such as ambulance coverage, culvert maintenance, emergency communications, flood water holding areas, etc. The February meeting will most likely be in Rochester again, but the March meeting will be held at the Eco-Summit in Burlington. It is the hope of this group to learn/share ideas with similar plans being discussed in other towns around the State. The idea was floated to have the Herald of Randolph print a notice of the upcoming meetings to hopefully gain more interested residence in this endeavor.

Doon informed the board that he received a complaint from Mike Andrews about gravel piles near his property on Route 73. Neither Doon nor any of the board members were exactly sure where these piles were located. It is possible they may be part of an ongoing construction site in that area. Dan looked up the Zoning Regulations and found that the area in question is most likely Agriculture/Residential. No further action was taken at this time.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2015 at 6:00PM

Adjourn: Julie moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM. All in favor; so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

John Allen