

January 7, 2020 Minutes Rochester Planning Commission

Present: Julie Martin, Greg White, David Curtis, Joan Pontious, Administrative Officer Doon Hinderyckx.

Guests: Justin Lathrop, Lisa Morris.

Call to Order: Greg called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM.

New Business: Budget request: Julie moved to request \$500 in this year's budget to cover revisions to town zoning bylaws to reflect changes in the Town Plan. All in favor; so voted.

Old Business:

> Doon reviewed issue raised last month by Ray and Cheryl Harvey regarding setbacks for a container/structure on a narrow strip of land abutting their Town Line Road property. Justin Lathrop, owner of the property, explained that this 50 foot strip of land (previously used as an old log landing) is owned by him and provides access to the balance of his property. The structure in question meets qualifications for an agricultural use. As such, it is under the jurisdiction of the VT Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets Division and not under our purview regarding setback requirements. Applicable state statute is 10 VSA Sec. 2602. Doon will advise Ray and Cheryl. Justin will withdraw his application for a variance and his fee will be refunded.

> Suggested revisions to the Town Plan draft were approved. Tory will complete the final draft and send it to the Select Board for their hearing.

Minutes: Julie moved to accept as written. All in favor; so voted.

Adjourn: Julie moved to adjourn at 6:52 PM. All in favor; so voted. Next meeting to be on February 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Pontious, Secretary