

## **RUPERT PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of November 4, 2019 meeting      UNAPPROVED

Attending: Planning Commission: Jed Rubin (Chair), Jean Ceglowski,  
Kim Davis, Peter Pelton, Charlie Rockwell, Val Almosnino (Secretary),  
ZA: John LaVecchia                      Other: Susan Nichols

Meeting called to order at:      7:06 PM

Minutes of October 7, 2019 meeting: Jed asked for minutes from the meeting be read. There was a lengthy discussion about the PC approving the Chair of the PC as acting ZA when the ZA is absent. Charlie advised the PC this was Select Board decision. Jed also clarified his motion (f in the list of amendments). What he meant and intended was to remove the maximum accessory building footprint and change the maximum lot coverage to 60% in the Village Center District. (See 2.03 D 4 & 14) The wording was changed to reflect his meaning and intention. This clarification was also made in the motion by Val to change the accessory building coverage in the VC District from 1000 sq. ft. to 60% lot coverage. Motion (Charlie) Seconded (Peter) to approve minutes as corrected. Motion Passed

Jed let the PC know that with Phil's retirement, there is a vacancy on the BCRC Board of Commissioners. The position is a volunteer position and may be held by any townspeople. Meetings are held monthly

Also there is a forum on Friday, November 8, 2019 at Dana Thompson Park from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hosted by Kathleen James & Robin Chesnut Tangerman. The forum will discuss H.513 a bill on rural broadband service. There will be presentations by Rep. Laura Sibilica (I-Dover), a key proponent of the bill; Clay Purvis, director of the telecommunications and connectivity division of the VT Dept. of Public Service; and Stan Williams, CFO of ValleyNet (EC Fiber). The evening will include an overview of the bill, how communities can apply for a planning grant, and tips on how to get started, plus a question-and-answer period.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to further discussion and amendments to the Land Use Regulations:

- a- Motion (Jed) Seconded (Charlie) to make setbacks for Accessory Structures the same as Primary Structure in all zones. Motion Passed
- b- Motion (Kim) Seconded(Charlie) to remove the 1,000 square foot maximum footprint of all accessory buildings and change the maximum lot coverage to no more than 50% of the lot size in the Village Residential District (See 2.04 D 14). Motion Passed.
- c- Motion (Kim) Seconded(Val) to remove the 1,500 square foot maximum footprint of all accessory buildings and change the maximum lot coverage to no more than 50% of the lot size in the Village Neighborhood District (See 2.05 E 14). Motion Passed.

A quick review of ZA Report shows there does not appear to any applications that would require a Warned Hearing at our next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled: December 2, 2019

Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Val Almosnino Secretary