

**Special Meeting
Brandon Planning Commission
June 19, 2017**

Board Members Present: Stephanie Jerome, Ethan Nelson, Lisa Rovi & William Mills

Board Members Absent: Phyllis Aitchison

Also in Attendance: Anna Scheck – Zoning Administrator, Barbara Noyes RRPC

1. Call to order

Stephanie Jerome called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

a. Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Stephanie Jerome to amend the agenda to move Item 3-Presentation by Barbara Noyes to Item 2 and to move the Item 2, the Consent Agenda to Item 3. William Milles seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Presentation and Discussion by Barbara Noyes, Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

a. Land Planning Basics –

Barbara gave a presentation regarding Land Planning Basics and Essentials of Land Use.

Stephanie Jerome asked if Ed Bove and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) could look at our Plan to help us pinpoint areas that could be improved.

Barbara Noyes stated that the RRPC would certainly be willing to work with the Town and complete a review to be sure we are compliant.

Barbara Noyes gave a presentation on Act 174 and how the Town could be sure we are compliant and attain “Substantial Deference” through the Public Service Board. She stated that we would need to also adopt the Energy Maps for the Town and that this large document would need to be adopted through amendment into our Town Plan.

Stephanie asked about working with the Commission to assist in writing and updating our Plan to incorporate this Section.

Barbara Noyle stated that we are on the timeline for assistance in the early fall and will receive assistance from the RRPC.

Stephanie Jerome asked the PC members to review the maps within the next two weeks, by the end of June, and see if there were areas that would not be suitable or that the Town might not want alternative energy projects to be located.

Barbara Noyes stated that the RRPC would need information on any map errors or changes by the end of July.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Planning Commission Minutes – June 5, 2017

A motion was made by William Mills to amend the Planning Commission minutes of June 5, 2017 with the notation/addition that Mr. Mills was absent from the meeting. Lisa Rovi seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Zoning Administrator’s Report

Anna Scheck submitted information on historic sign ordinance regulations from the Brandon Land Use Ordinance of 1999, 2006, and 2012.

The Board discussed changes to sign regulations and Stephanie asked that Board members to review the Mendon sign ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.

The Board discussed changes to agricultural rules and to Section 619 of the Brandon Land Use Ordinance regarding farm animals.

Lisa Rovi stated that she would contact Ed Bove to find out about agricultural regulations for other Towns and if there are some that would work well for the Town of Brandon.

6. Date for Next Meeting

Stephanie Jerome stated that there would be no meeting in July. The next regular meeting will be held on August 7, 2017, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Basement meeting room.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Stephanie Jerome to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Scheck
Acting Recording Secretary