



RUTLAND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701

9/18/13

Minutes
September 18, 2013

Present: Jack Facey (JF), Mike Roberts (MR), Alvin Figiel (AF) and Jerry Hanson, (JH).

Also Attending: Brennan Duffy, RRA Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by JF, Chair, at 6:03 pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 4, 2013.

AF moved to approve the minutes of September 4, 2013. JH seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS – MPG 2013 Second Requisition and Progress Report.

The second requisition for \$2,400.00 or 30% of the total budget and the progress report were reviewed by the Commission. In addition, the RRA's second invoice for services related to revising the City's Master Plan was also circulated for review.

MR moved to approve the requisition and progress report. JH seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

MASTER PLAN SECTIONS 6, 8 and 9.

Section 6: Community Facilities Plan – Brennan reviewed the changes the Commission requested at the previous meeting including subsequent information submitted by Caprice Hover for the Child Care Element, as well as, information provided by Chief Schlachter.

JF suggested all references to VT should be spelled out.

AF asked if the City's need to replace its water distribution pipes should be included in the section. Brennan said the update was provided by Jeff Wennberg and Evan Pilachowski and they had not added such language.

JH affirmed the need to spell out the acronyms where applicable.

Section 8: Housing Element – Brennan said he added information from Kevin Loso, Executive Director of the Housing Authority under 8.6b, as well as, the changes made by the Commission at the Sept. 4 meeting. The Commission had not received a

copy of the changes in its packet. Barbara was asked to send the revised Section 8: Housing Element to the Commission.

Section 9: Energy Plan – Brennan said he removed reference to nuclear power and foreign sources from 9.1 Existing Conditions and Needs. He added solar and JH asked to add geo-thermal. It was decided that geo-thermal was supported in 9.5k.

The Commission decided that without a footnote to substantiate the claim, the first sentence in paragraph 8 of 9.1 Existing Conditions and Needs should be changed to “the largest uses are heat and transportation.”

Several formatting issues were discussed and the final draft will have the formatting adjusted.

Brennan discussed adding 9.2 Natural Gas; 9.3 Rutland City the Solar Capital of New England; and 9.4 Home Heating Fuel Sources. The Home Heating Fuel Sources section was taken from the Housing Needs Assessment.

In 9.5d Transportation Sector Conservation electric cars and associated infrastructure ie. charging stations was added. Under 9.5f it was decided to remove water heater as a discouraged electrical energy use; as well as, the word “only” from 9.5i Wind Energy Use and Development #1.

Following a discussion regarding new energy technologies the Commission added 9.5n New Energy Technology to encourage their use.

The next meeting will be held October 16 to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan and a new section to the plan regarding economic development.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

JH moved to receive and file the following correspondence. AF seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9/16/13, Kenlan Schwiebert Facey & Goss, PC, Certification of Public Good-Section 248 Permit Process, NextSun Energy Rutland LLC, 138 Park Street, Rutland; and

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IV. ADJOURN.

MR moved to adjourn. AF seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:17 pm.

For the Commission, Barbara Allen, Recording Secretary