

## **Pittsford Planning Commission Meeting**

**January 27, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Mark Winslow, Rick Conway, Robb Spensely, Chuck Charbonneau, Donna Wilson, Derek Blow

**Board Members Via Zoom:** Mike Norris

### **1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by Mark Winslow – Chair.

### **2. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Rick Conway and seconded by Derek Blow to approve the agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

#### **. January 6, 2022 – Special Planning Commission Meeting**

A motion was made by Robb Spensely and seconded by Chuck Charbonneau to approve the minutes of January 6th. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. Public Comments**

There was no discussion held.

### **5. Finalize Historical Marker – Town Green**

Donna Wilson provided the wording, a bibliography of four different articles she used and some supplements that she obtained from archives to submit with the application for the historical marker. She noted it is a slight change from the last version that the State will take and edit. Ms. Wilson asked when there would be an unveiling and it was not known at this time. Ms. Wilson will indicate “To Be Determined” on the application. Rick Conway did not know the status of how long the application process takes since speaking with Historic Preservation as a lot of State employees are working from home. Ms. Wilson will contact the person at Historic Preservation to determine how to proceed. Mr. Conway noted Mark Winslow discussed this with John Haverstock and he would likely have that information. Ms. Wilson noted she has minutes and emails to submit as well. Mr. Conway advised the photo will need to be corrected and he will provide Ms. Wilson with the information. Ms. Wilson will submit the application by next week.

### **6. Finalize Solar Check-off List**

Mike Norris provided a draft of a proposed check-off list for solar projects. Mark Winslow noted it appears clear what information is being requested. Mike Norris stated the document will provide information to make sure that people coming before the Planning Commission are prepared for a discussion. Rick Conway stated the Zoning Administrator should provide this document when he is contacted about a project. Mark Winslow advised he will provide a copy when someone contacts the Planning Commission about a potential project.

A motion was made by Rick Conway and seconded by Donna Wilson to accept the solar check-off list as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mark Winslow thanked Mike Norris for the good work on this document.

## **7. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **8. Old Business**

Rick Conway advised there has been a response from the Assistant Attorney General regarding the Route 7 project. He noted that VTrans showed pros and cons and in their traffic statement noted there were incidents of accidents. Mr. Conway did not see where they could say that there were many accidents as the Fire Department had not recorded any accidents. They also had talked about a warning in case of a fire, but they have now indicated they are not going to do that. Mr. Conway stated there are other issues and he does not know what is involved with the process. He is assuming with talking to the District Coordinator, the Planning Commission can respond to the evidence. He is not sure if another hearing is required. Mark Winslow stated the Planning Commission submitted a summary page and six attachments. A crash report was included that showed no accidents at all that had previously been provided by Carol Coda from VTrans. Kevin Blow went through the videos and sited points by timestamp. The petition with 400 signatures was also included. There has been no other communication since this information was submitted. Mr. Conway stated he will be discussing this with his attorney as a personal matter. Mr. Conway noted it was indicated the RRPC was good with this and that is not an accurate statement. Ed Bove came to the site visit but did not come to the hearing and Mr. Conway's concern is that the RRPC needs to weigh in. Donna Wilson will speak with Ed Bove at the RRPC to request they write a letter as they were very concerned about the changes. Mr. Winslow did not think the Planning Commission can provide any additional evidence. Mr. Winslow noted Ed Bove will be leaving the RRPC so there will be a new contact. Mr. Conway advised during the Act 250 hearing, a statement was made when the road design was done, the RRPC was in favor of the plan in 2000 and the question is where the RRPC stands on this project in 2022 because the original plan was just the bridge, but it now includes the road. Mr. Winslow thanked everyone for their assistance with the response from the Planning Commission on this subject.

Mark Winslow attended the Select Board meeting representing the Planning Commission for a discussion of the Adams Road solar project. He provided the Planning Commission's position on the subject and Mr. Winslow thinks there will be no position provided at this point. At the meeting Mr. Winslow also requested an accurate account of the solar acres in Pittsford and the amount of energy being produced. Barbara Noyes-Pulling of the RRPC will provide this information to the Planning Commission.

Robb Spensely noted he has been sending material about Act 171 to the Planning Commission members. He stated Chittenden is taking a more restrictive hands-on approach noting that they did not address Act 171 but did base a lot of criteria relating to the Act. He wants to contact the surrounding towns to determine what else is being done relative to this Act. Rick Conway asked how Chittenden would implement it as they do not

have zoning. Mr. Spensely noted the information is in their Town Plan that was approved in 2019. Mark Winslow stated this Act has not been tested yet and noted Chittenden already has a lot of protected land. Mr. Winslow suggested other towns in the area should be reviewed to see what everyone else has done and determine how to move forward for Pittsford. Rick Conway noted that he does not see how this can work with private property.

**. Schedule Date/Agenda for Next Meeting**

February 24, 2022 @ 7:00PM – Planning Commission Meeting (In Person and via Zoom)

**9. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Robb Spensely and seconded by Rick Conway to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant

Recording Secretary

Approved by,

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The Pittsford Planning Commission