Town of Proctor Planning Commission/Energy Committee Regular Meeting Minutes November3, 2022 – 6:00 P.M. Town Office Meeting Room

Board Members Present

Dale Christie
Tom Hogan
Carol Protivansky (Chair)
Tom Doty
Phil Anderson

Others Present

Michael Ramsey (Town Manager)
Anthony Preston (Zoning Administrator)
Shelly Lutz (Pine Hill Partnership)
Ethan Pippin (Rutland Regional Planning Commission)

Review & Approve Agenda

Agenda reviewed and approved by the planning committee
Minutes for the 10/6/22 planning committee meeting reviewed and approved after some edits

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Transportation Alternative Program Grant

Shelly L. discussed the potential for expanding walking/cycling trails around Proctor and connecting them with trails connecting to other nearby towns.

Dale C. made an 'impassioned' address to the credit of the Pine Hill Partnership further explaining the community benefits of such trails.

Ethan P. articulated the value of a scoping study to outline potential setbacks to any trail projects and estimated costs between \$30k-\$50k for a thorough study, costs potentially being covered by grants with a usual 20% match by the town. Ethan P. further stated the importance of involving the community with any such projects, encouraging cooperation of landowners and volunteers to help build and maintain trails.

Committee discussed the costs/benefits of a scoping study along with connecting trails.

Motion to move forward with discussions of expanding the trails passed, further discussion will take place on November 22nd meeting

Zoning Administrator Report

Anthony P. informed the committee about zoning applications; the first being a shed on 2901 west street, the second being an addition on 45 patch road. Both were approved at his own discretion per zoning laws

Town Manager's Report

Mike R. articulated complaints around town including the wall on South st. needing repair and the use of shipping containers as temporary storage structures in violation of the town's bylaws. Further discussion on the shipping container issue was added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Economic Development

No news for economic development

Energy Committee

Committee discussed approving the mission statement for the energy committee. Motion to accept lightly edited mission statement approved by consensus.

New Business

Committee to discuss ridge-line protection bylaws at next meeting

Other/Information

No other/informative discussion

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.