

Ryegate Planning & Zoning Commission

Unapproved Minutes of February 21, 2022

In attendance: Rick Colby, Mary Dole, Wally Bragg, Fremont Nelson, Regina Hazel, Alice Allen by Zoom
Alison Low, NVDA

AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes;
- Status of Ryegate's Zoning regs and maps,
- Energy subcommittee report
- Zoning Officer's Report
- Public Comment

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Colby at 7:05 pm.

Approval of previous meeting minutes was postponed until next meeting.

Zoning Maps/Districts

Alison Low led a discussion on the status of Ryegate's Zoning Districts map. The draft map requires review of our Industrial and Commercial 1 Districts. The areas involved are in South Ryegate Village, East Ryegate Village, and the Ryegate biomass power plant. In identifying zones, characteristics to be considered, are: existing infrastructure, uses that can be accommodated, truck traffic, highway access, water, three phase power, adequate parking, loading, not impacting neighbors, etc. The change in Zoning districts will require a Zoning amendment.

The Commission members will review and approve at the next meeting.

Enhanced Energy Plan

The subcommittee's work on the energy plan concerning solar siting was presented to the group. Alison liked our efforts and suggested we define "community solar." Subcommittee looking for approval at March meeting.

Carl Bayer reported on the Window Dressers program that fits inserts into residential windows to conserve heat—an alternative to expensive window replacement. Ryegate Energy Committee is joining Barnet, Danville, and Peacham in this endeavor. Currently looking for a project leader for Ryegate to begin the project this summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Hazel