Roxbury Planning Commission January 10th, 2019 Roxbury Town Office Meeting Minutes

Lucinda called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Present: Mike French, Lucinda Sullivan, Kate Jackson

Lucinda moved to approve the minutes as presented from October 4th. The minutes were approved 3,0,0

Lucinda presented new Planning Commission By-Laws

Kade moved to approve the new Planning Commission By-Laws with corrections, Mike seconded.

The Planning Commission By-Laws were approved 3,0,0

Kate shared historical survey questions and Accessory Dwelling additions for the Town Plan.

Employment & Unemployment in Roxbury was discussed. It was agreed Kate would take over research on this Town Plan deficiency as well as Local Farms and Businesses.

Lucinda shared that there was interest in Village Center Designation from town voters.

A discussion was had around the benefits of Village Center Designation, and where potential future downtown businesses could fit into the geography of the town. The need to manage rising water in Roxbury Village was also addressed.

A discussion was had around Forest Integrity in Roxbury including public hiking trails, habitat protection, animal migration pathways, logging, land development, and how to preserve our ridges and views.

Lucinda volunteered to follow up on the logistics of filing for Village Center Designation as well as continue her research on Forest Integrity.

Mike shared his findings in regards to Air-Quality and Energy Planning for Roxbury and will continue his research on the subjects.

The Planning Commission agreed to focus on survey questions to be presented to the town on Town Meeting Day over the next two meetings. Consideration will be given to historic survey questions.

Kate will ask Tammy if it is possible to send out surveys with absentee ballots as well as the deadline required to do so.

Our next meetings will be on the following dates and times at the Roxbury Town Office:

Thursday, January 24th @ 6:30pm Thursday, February 7th @ 6:30pm Thursday, February 28th @ 6:30pm

Lucinda adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.