



## *Town of Panton Chartered 1761*

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### Development Review Board / Planning Commission Minutes 3-11-2021

Members Present: David Raphael, Mary Rudd, Bradley Dewey, Bob Hartenstein, Bethanie Brady-Farrell, Kirsten DeLaCruz and Anna Hopper

Others: Charles Cushman, Eliza LaRocca, Erle Labounty and David Martini Zoning Administrator

#### Development Review Board

David Raphael called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

The February minutes were reviewed Bradley Dewey moved to accept them as written. Mary Rudd 2<sup>nd</sup> and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

ZA report: David Martini reported to the board of the month's zoning activity. Eliza LaRocca & Erle Labounty explained that they currently operate a chocolate business in Bristol (Farmhouse Chocolates) that they would like to bring it to their home in Panton. They would like to use the accessory building currently on the property for production only. There would be no retail traffic. Delivery/shipping traffic was discussed. The couple will need to submit an application for a hearing before approval.

David Martini introduced Charles Cushman who is requesting permission for his business of Diesel engine repair. He noted he mainly works on commercial trucks so there is not a lot of traffic in and out. He does not and has no plans for employees. Mr. Cushman was in touch with Panton's previous ZA who unfortunately did not follow through. Mr. Cushman has submitted an application for a home business, and it will be warned for next month's meeting. Bob Hartenstein made a motion to allow Charles Cushman to continue his business for the month. Mary Rudd 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous in favor.

David Martini spoke to the fact that the recent construction on Staton drive has stopped. All equipment has been removed and nothing more is currently being done. There was some discussion of the adjacent neighbors being concerned about damage to their properties because of that construction but the board members noted this is not within their purview to address.

Bob Hartenstein moved to adjourn the Development Review Board and convene the Planning Commission at 7:46pm Mary Rudd 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous in favor.

### Planning Commission

The previous month's minutes were reviewed. Kirsten DeLaCruz moved to accept them as written. Annie Hopper 2<sup>nd</sup> and the February minutes were unanimously accepted.

David Raphael spoke briefly of the Planning and Environmental Linkage Study in reference to the possible bypass road around Vergennes. The study will be a multi-year study. David Raphael and Mary Rudd will be part of the study group and will keep the board informed.

David Raphael noted Howard Hall received a letter from the Pastor at the Baptist Church commenting on a section of the Panton Town Plan that speaks to redeveloping the Village Center (Commercial) area in Panton. He is wondering if his church could help make that happen. It will be a topic of discussion at future meetings. David Raphael will speak with the Pastor and perhaps he may attend next month's meeting.

Brad Dewey moved to adjourn at 8:07pm Bob Hartenstein 2<sup>nd</sup> and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino  
Assistant Town Clerk