

*Town of Panton*  
*Development Review Board / Planning Commission*

April 10, 2016

Present; Howard Hall, Mary Rudd, Kirsten De La Cruz, Louise Giovanella, Heidi Mahoney, Katie Werthmann, Terry Findeisen and Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson

**DRB**

At 7:00 p.m. the DRB convened. Mary Rudd nominated Louise Giovanella to be acting Chair. Heidi Mahoney 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

The meeting minutes for December 2015 were reviewed. Mary Rudd motioned to accept the minutes. Heidi Mahoney 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved. The February meeting minutes were reviewed. Mary Rudd motioned to approve the minutes with an amendment. Heidi Mahoney 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson reported that there was no new business but that the Vorsteveld Farm is in the process of submitting permit applications for five new farm labor houses.

Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson has created a check list for applications. This list will be posted on the town's website. Howard Hall asked Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson if a permit is needed to place a fence around the park and ride parking lot and if there was a setback requirement. Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson told him that there is no setback requirement and for a fence of 6ft. or less no permit is required.

**New Business**

There was no new business. Mary Rudd motioned to adjourn the DRB. Heidi Mahoney 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

**PC**

**Old Business**

At 7:40 p.m. the PC convened. December's meeting minutes were reviewed. Mary Rudd motioned to accept the minutes Katie Werthmann 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved. February's meeting minutes were reviewed. Heidi Mahoney motioned to accept the minutes with an amendment. Mary Rudd 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved. Howard Hall updated the PC on the GMP solar project. He stated that the project is moving forward. GMP has agreed to the Town's requests and will be providing improvements to the Town Hall such as heat pumps, insulation to the building and installation of new windows. The Town Garage will also be updated and may possibly have a charging station installed for the park and ride, a battery system

will placed behind the Town Garage which will be leased to GMP for 30 years and the town will receive a percentage off tax dollars.

**New Business**

Louise Giovanella shared that the select-board would like some direction from the PC regarding the Rutland solar resolution which would allow the towns to have a say in solar project sitings. A discussion followed concerning the need for the town to have guidelines in place for the select-board to endorse. Terry Findeisen motioned to endorse the Rutland solar resolution. Mary Rudd 2<sup>nd</sup>. Five for one against. The review of the solar statutes was tabled until May's meeting. A discussion of town trails and class four roads took place. Terry Findeisen motioned to adjourn the PC Katie werthmann 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Huff,

Clerk