## Richmond Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 5th, 2018

Unapproved Minutes

Members Present: Brian Tellstone, Alison Anand, Scott Nickerson, Lauck Parke, Joy Reap

Others Present: Jessica Draper, Town Planner

Called to Order: 7:15pm

Public Comment

NA

Administrative Items

NA

Town Plan

The planning commission discussed the results of the selectboard hearings. Jessica discussed the selectboard request for an informational meeting and a re-vamped FAQ document. Planning Commission members discussed rumblings of opposition to the plan regarding the changed language. Jessica suggested the planning commission each come up with what they believe is the absolute first priority if the plan passes on Election Day. Each member present agreed that affordability is a major priority for decision-making.

The commission asked about progress on the Buttermilk development on Jolina Court. They also discussed rental costs for commercial spaces in town. They all agreed that a meeting with the DRB upon passage of the plan will help provide insight to prioritizing zoning changes. They felt the DRB could easily identify non-controversial changes that would make interpreting the ordinance simpler for them and the Zoning Administrator. The planning commission also wants to look deeper into the realities of increased residential density in a variety of forms and locations.

The commission asked Jessica to look into the official role of the planning commission from a legal/authority standpoint, so as to move forward with as much transparency as possible.

Adjourn

Scott made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lauck, all were in favor.

Adjourned 8:37 pm