Minutes for Planning Board Meeting of: 03/29/2023

Call To Order: 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Members Present: Ray Blake, Deb Johnson, David Madden, Russ Carruth, and John Rescigno

Members Absent: Kristina Madden, Dave LaBar

Applicants Present:

Applicant's supporting Professionals: none

Listing of Residents/Others speaking during meeting: none

PB officer appointments following March elections

Nominations & Elections

Dave Madden nominates Deb for Chair, with a second from John. Unanimous agreement by the PB. Deb nominates Dave Madden as Vice-Chair, Ray seconds with unanimous agreement by the PB.

Minutes

Deb makes a motion to waive the reading of February minutes and set-aside review until a later date. Dave Madden seconded the motion with unanimous agreement by the PB.

Public Business

Applications/Building Permits

- 1. Nicholas Wilson wants to operate an animal slaughter/meat processing business at his address at 19 MacDonald Lane. This is a non-binding informational meeting. The PB thanks him for coming in to find out what the process will be, offering assistance. He is informed of the process required to have a Home Business.
- 2. Cynthia Mickle has been renting both ST & LT for a number of years.

see Article 5: General Provisions

- A. Parcels or Usage Existing Pre-Enactment of this Ordinance
 - 1. Uses. Any use as of the effective date of this Ordinance may continue uninterrupted, however, the use shall not be changed to a different use or expanded.

Note to PB members -non-conforming uses may be considered "grandfathered" and generally are allowed to continue if they:

- 1. <u>Lawfully existed</u> prior to the zoning change; and
- 2. Have been permanent and continuous on the property since the zoning change.

The issue is Ms Mickle never filed a Statement of Property Use or complied with Groton's first Zoning

Motion to have Deb draft a letter that requires Ms. Mickle to comply with all the Home Business and rental requirements in the 2023 Zoning except she need not apply to the PB for Site Review or file a Statement of Property Use. Seconded by John with unanimous agreement by the PB.

Communications:

Mail – MIT Application

Email- Michael Sheehan emailed asking to be an Alternate

Other Business: Following an interview of Mr. Sheehan, John motions to appoint him as an Alternate. Seconded by Dave Madden with unanimous agreement by the PB.

Adjournment is motioned by John and seconded by Ray. Motion carries. **Submitted by** Deborah Johnson