

Minutes for the Planning Board Meeting of 04/26/2023

Call To Order:

Roll Call:

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

Members Absent: : Kristina Madden, Dave LaBar

Alternates Present: Michael Sheehan

Listing of Residents/Others speaking during meeting: Toby Gonnerman, Ruth Hansen, Anne and Jim Joyce, Slim Spafford, Cindy Carpenter

Applicant: MIT represented by Michael Skuhersky

Minutes

Deb makes a motion to waive the reading of February and March minutes and set-aside review, time permitting, following tonight's public hearings. Dave Madden seconded the motion with unanimous agreement by the PB.

Deliberations - none

Public Business - Applications/Building Permits

Hearings opened at 7:10 PM

- Nicholas Wilson – wants to operate an animal slaughter business at his address at 19 MacDonald Lane. He has submitted a partial application, documentation necessary includes building permit, septic approval, site plan and business operating plan.

Deb indicates the Hearing was properly posted on the town web and bulletin boards as well as in the Record Enterprise and Newfound newspaper. All abutters were notified.

Several neighbors indicated their support for this project.

Mr. Wilson updates the PB on the status of his plan. He has hired a septic designer versed in designing and constructing plans for slaughter facilities, he will need to complete building plans and also clear land. The USDA will inspect the facility once a year.

When asked about how the animals would be killed he stated humanely, meeting all state RSA requirements, including use of a stun gun, and shooting. The facility will be constructed with floor drains.

When asked about waste disposal he stated in the winter by dumpster and other seasons by barrel. A company hired by him would pick both up or he would bring the barrels to a disposal site.

Following deliberations, Deb moves the application shall stay on the Planning Board agenda until it is either approved or disapproved and the Hearing shall be continued to future meetings. Seconded by Dave Madden.

- MIT application submitted with site plan and details. This application is limited to the parking area and access path. Discussion to center on path width and environmental issues.

Deb indicates the Hearing was properly posted on the town web and bulletin boards as well as in the Record Enterprise and Newfound newspaper. All abutters were notified.

Mr. Skuhersky updates the PB. Outstanding issues include finding solutions to resolve the bat nesting issue and the wetland/small stream issue. MIT is working with NH Fish and Game and DES. The other issue of emergency access has been resolved with the Fire Chief. MIT will construct a path wide enough for UTV access.

During deliberations, Deb suggests that MIT might want to place a sign at the entry point, indicating the access path and parking area are private. Additionally, MIT should mark the boundary between Mr. Gonnerman's property and that of MIT.

Following deliberations, Deb moves the application shall stay on the Planning Board agenda until it is either approved or disapproved and the Hearing shall be continued to future meetings. Seconded by John.

Public Hearings are closed at 8:15 PM by motion from Deb, seconded by Dave Madden, with unanimous agreement by the PB.

Unfinished/Continued Business:

- Meghan Dudley- subdivision 1612 North Groton RD, Map 1 Lot 53 or 54-1 Declaration of Covenants **restricts** any further subdivision. Deb has sent her the PB decision.
- Cynthia Mickle has been renting both ST & LT for a number of years. She wants to know if she is "grandfather" and can sell her property as a business investment.

Deliberations included review of the PB March discussion – Deb has sent her the attached PB decision

New Business

Deb motions to appoint Eric Jones as an Alternate. Russ seconds the motion with unanimous agreement by the PB.

Communications:

NH Office of Planning and Development (OPD) spring 2023 Planning and Zoning Conference will be held as a **free, full day online conference on Saturday, April 29 from 8:45 am to 3:30 pm.**

Adjournment motion by Russ and seconded by Ray. PB consents

Submitted by Deborah Johnson