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PLANNING BOARD

September 10, 2009

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Tom Vanchieri.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Tom Vanchieri, Henry Hodges, Gretchen Heldmann, Susan Dunham-Shane, Frank Higgins, and Russell Smith, Town Manager. Jeff Thurlow arrived at 6:55. The Board accepted Gary Poisson and Charles Norburg's excused absences. Motion that we accept alternates as voting members tonight by Henry Hodges, Susan Dunham-Shane 2nd. All in favor.

MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2009 meeting by Susan Dunham-Shane, Henry Hodges 2nd. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board reopened their discussion about Charles McKay from previous meeting. Each member was given a copy of the new replacement septic design and copies of the minutes from previous meetings pertaining to Mr. McKay. There was initially confusion as to whether Mr. McKay needed to provide a back design for the existing septic system or a HHE200 back-up design for a new system in case his should fail. Russell spoke with Mr. Perkins and he said he did not determine the size of the old leach field when he designed the new system. He said he would have to dig up the corners of the leach field to do this and it did not make much sense to go it because it could damage the system. It was determined that Mr. McKay was given the option between the two choices for an HHE200 design.

Motion to accept HHE200 design as submitted by Mr. McKay and designed by Mr. G. Perkins to serve as a replacement septic design if the current septic system of unknown size should fail. As a result of this submission, the Board will allow the additional use of the building as an Event Center as per the application of February 10, 2009. It is noted that the capacity of this use is 150 people as per the application by Susan Dunham-Shane, Henry Hodges 2nd. Amendment to the original motion: On the condition that he will agree to provide access to the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the septic system and if the Code Enforcement Officer determines that the system has failed, he will agree to cease business until the new system is installed by Frank Higgins, Henry Hodges 2nd. All in favor.

Mr. McKay needs to change his website from 175 people to 150, as approved. Charles Norburg mailed Mr. McKay a letter of violation regarding renting the hall for additional uses. A \$100 fine can be imposed for each occurrence. The Board would like Charles to address this issue in regards to an event which was held after the letter was sent out.

NEW BUSINESS: William Najpauer and Sarah Flax from Renaissance Planning Associates were present. Russell informed the Board that Susan Dunham-Shane and Tom Vanchieri attended the last Selectmen meeting. With the recommendation from the Planning Board, the Selectmen approved Renaissance unanimously as the implementation grant consultant. Mr. Najpauer informed the Board that they would like to set up an initial meeting to discuss the work ahead of them and how it will be handled. This meeting will be September 24, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Russell will email

everyone's email to Renaissance so he can email an agenda for the meeting. After everything gets going, they would like to put something on the town website requesting input from residents. (A place where people can leave comments.) Denise will get the paperwork together with the notes from the minutes regarding items the Board wanted to address when working on the ordinances.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board addressed the issue regarding Crosby's Gun Shop having too many signs and is also offering gun courses, which is an additional use. Everyone was given copies from 2005 for his initial application to sell guns from his home. A home occupation is allowed only one sign. He has a sign on the side of the building/awning and more signs by the road. It was also noted, that there are new State signs on Rt. 46, Rt.9 and Rt. 2 for the Gun Shop.

Motion that we request a letter be sent to Mr. Robert Crosby regarding the fact that he is operating an additional use at his business that was not in his original approved application, to wit, gun courses and also that he has exceeded the number of permissible signs for a Home Occupation as approved by Susan Dunham-Shane, Gretchen Heldmann 2nd. All in favor

It was noted that it had been voted at the beginning of the meeting that alternates would be voting members, so when Jeff arrived late, he could participate in the discussion, but could not vote.

Everyone should read over the Windmill Ordinance from the State and come back with notes and suggestions. They will meet Monday, September 28, 2009 at 6:30 pm to work on the Windmill Ordinance.

Russell informed the Board that on September 23rd, there is a meeting of our Selectmen with the School Board. And on September 28th our Selectmen along with the Selectmen of Clifton, Eddington and Holden will be attending the School Board meeting.

Susan Dunham-Shane mentioned a sign at the end of the Stoney Ridge Road for Stoney Ridge Orchards. She would like Charlie to look into this possible new business in town.

PUBLIC ACCESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by Henry Hodges, Frank Higgins 2nd. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowles