

Conway Planning Board (PB)

October 3, 2019

Minutes – Meeting

Members Present: Joseph Strzegowski, Mary McClintock, Bill Moebius

Other attendees: Alexis Fedorjaczenko (Administrative Assistant), Danielle Canedy (Deerfield River Portage), Christofer Thrasher (Deerfield River Portage), Lorraine Boyden, Kathy Goodfield, Ron Boyden, Linda Baker

Location: Conway Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

1. Minutes from the meeting on September 19, 2019, were reviewed. Motion by Mary to approve minutes; seconded by Bill. Motion passes, 3-0-0.
2. Recent changes to Adult Marijuana regulations – home delivery & social consumption
 - a. Mary asks if home delivery & social consumption would be added when Conway by-laws are updated to include medical. There was general discussion.
3. 6:30 pm – Informal meeting with Deerfield River Portage ref: Special permit considerations
 - a. Danielle provided background on the beginnings of the business, which has been in existence for 10 years; it began very small and in 2014 the business began to grow, at which time they received a special permit from Deerfield. When later they were told that they could no longer receive a special permit from Deerfield because the business had no land in Deerfield, the business owners spoke with the Conway Select Board and were advised that as long as they stayed within certain limits outlined in the bylaws, they could operate without a special permit.
 - b. According to Danielle and Christofer, the business currently leases vans and the owners/drivers are sensitive to local speed limits. They operate reservation-only. Joe asked if they have considered offering a transport only service without providing equipment. The owners answered that they consider their model to be a service with a full package and that they are looking out for their customers' safety; they believe that transport-only would pose challenges to this model for several reasons although they clarified that people are able to bring their own equipment if they also bring a pump to inflate it at the river.
 - c. Danielle asked about putting up a sign, and Joe and Mary provided information about the size limit of 15 square feet. There was also discussion about options for the business to connect with the Town of Conway in various ways. Danielle asked for clarification that the business is currently in compliance; the response was affirmative. She also asked about receiving a street number; Joe suggested going to Lee Whitcomb. Joe concluded with a suggestion that the business be proactive and apply for a special permit when they realize they are approaching the 50-person-at-one-time limit. Christofer asked

about the process for a special permit; Joe clarified that there is an application form and Mary discussed the process.

4. Discussion of Section 22 & Article 8: Use regulations (RMDs) (Joe) – no discussion
5. Western Mass Municipal Conference - October 5, 2019 UMass – no discussion
6. Water and Sewer Forum for Rural Towns – November 1st. 2019 – no discussion
7. Planning projects discussion for FY 2019-2020, items 8 – below – no discussion
8. 8a. Zoning use table revision (Joe, committee review and update)
8b. 2013 Master plan review and update (one section) (Bill)
8c. Multi-hazard mitigation action items (Tom H)
8d. Commercial signage (Greenfield Savings Bank) (Bill)
8e. Small scale solar bylaw (Beth) (15 KW - ???)
9. Pending and possible – no discussion
SP Hearings about cannabis grow operations
SPR(s) Hearings for tentative solar installations (Goodridge; Forcier property)
10. Mail/email: Jerry Chirco – Zoning questions
 - a. Joe copied Planning Board members on his response. There was brief discussion.
11. Old Business -- none
12. New Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance -- none
13. Fall schedule, PB meetings
1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6-7:30
October 17, November 7 & 21

Motion by Joe to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bill. Motion passes, 3-0-0.

Adjourned at 7:57

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Fedorjaczenko