

ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD
WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2013

Members Present: Liz Cody, Gordon McCormack Jr., Susan MacLeod, Fran Newton, Phil Preston (Ex-Officio, Select Board)

Alternate Members Present: Norm DeWolfe (Select Board)

Alternate Members Absent: Cheryl Cox (with notice), Tony Randall

Others Present: Eli Badger, Deb Peters, Patsy Tucker

Call to Order

Chairman MacLeod called the Planning Board meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

New Business

Site Plan Application

Deb Peters presented an application for a general retail business at 79 Main Street. The business is called "The Fermentation Station," which sells home brewing supplies and is currently located in Meredith. The fire department and building inspector have completed their inspections. The fire department requested painting the ceiling with fire retardant paint and this work is currently under way. The Planning Board will need to get copies of these reports for the file. Fran Newton moved that the application be accepted as written and to waive a full site plan review. The motion was seconded by Gordon McCormack and was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Soldier On

The Soldier On project was discussed. Communication between various interested parties has been ongoing. At present, no meeting with the Planning Board has been requested and we have not received a full site plan. Patsy Tucker did however receive request for a ZBA meeting. She noted that we have 30 days to respond by RSA. At present, the group will be seeking three variances and one administrative appeal from the ZBA to enable them to move forward with the project. A full site plan must still be submitted to the Planning Board. Various questions remain and will need suitable answers before any approval is granted, including a demonstration of financial stability.

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Rules of Procedure

The board reviewed the draft “Rules of Procedure,” which had been modeled after the Holderness rules. Some wording changes were agreed on, including changes to the Select Board membership requirements and reorganization process at the beginning of the new year. The section on “Disqualification” should be labeled as “Recusal.”

Master Plan, Chapter 4, Natural Resources

The draft of chapter 4 was reviewed. There were no major changes noted; however, several minor corrections/wording changes were noted. Susan MacLeod will make the changes and circulate the updated version prior to the public hearing.

Master Plan, Chapter 10, Implementation

Susan MacLeod and Patsy Tucker have both reviewed the recommendation list, compiled by Susan MacLeod. Patsy will circulate her comments/suggestions to the rest of the board for comment and future discussion.

Large Energy Ordinance

Susan MacLeod and Cheryl Cox have drafted an ordinance based on one in place in Temple. They reviewed the language with Lee Nichols. Susan MacLeod has provided a copy to the Conservation Commission for review/comment and will circulate the current draft version to the Board. She will also contact Rose Lowry in Temple to inquire if there have been any additional issues that have arisen since its adoption. Sue will also send it to Attorney Mark Puffer for a legal review.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Fran Newton