New Marlborough Planning Board April 10th, 2019

Attendees

Members:

Mark Carson, Lonn Combs, Eric Schaefer, Peter Tiso (Chair) Joshua Mack (Secretary)

Other Attendees:

Zach Feury (BRPC Representative), Lucinda Shmulsky, Larry Burke, Jackson Liscombe

Call to order 7:05 Review of Minutes

Mr. Carson made a motion to accept the minutes from March 13th, 2019 meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and passed with minor corrections.

Mr. Tiso made a motion to accept the minutes from March 27th 2019. It was seconded by Mr. Schaefer with minor corrections.

Mail

A notice of Decision on Variance was received from the Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals regarding applicant Kathleen A Sinico at 260 Stockbridge Rd and 4 Cooper Rd Great Barrington. In which Mrs Sinico has been granted the modification of the Variance granted by the Board in 1986 removing a condition from 260 Stockbridge Rd and 4 Cooper Rd Great Barrington.

A notice of Public Hearing was received by the NMPB from the Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a Public Hearing on April 10th 2019 at 7:30pm to act on a request from the Center of Disease Control of South Berkshire to modify the Comprehensive Permit issued 2016 for the development of 100 Bridge Street.

The planning board received a notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Monterey. An appeal application was filed with the Board of Appeals for the property at 36 Elephant Rock rd the scheduled hearing is for May 8th 2019 at 3 pm. The property in question belongs to Susan Steinberg.

Village Districts

Finalization of the language for the zoning plan was on the docket this day. Upon completion, purpose and reason for the change in the bylaw was reviewed. As well as a practice question and answer segment to prepare for April 24th Town Hall meeting occurred. Some of the practice questions that came up were; How were the boundaries layed out? What are the Effects on current businesses? Why is this proposal necessary? What is wrong with the current zoning as is? Was any future thinking put into this proposal I.E. consolidation of zip

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codes? Were Settlement patterns considered? While the Planning Board had ready answers to some questions, some questions caused much back and forth discussion. This discussion segement prompted Mr. Combs to propose a change vs not change presentation be prepared for the 24th in order to avoid any confusion at the Town Hall meeting. Postings for the Town Hall were posted correctly last tuesday April 9th as well as on April 16th in the Berkshire Eagle.

Cannabis Bylaws

A vote for prohibition on all eight license types will happen at a special town meeting on May 6th. A timeline for the NMPB was discussed due to the decisions of a special town meeting. And it was agreed upon that in order for the town to be ready by June 30th the NMPB would have to adhere to a very strict timeline regarding any bylaws to be passed giving May 8th and 22nd would be the only two meetings before mandatory notices would need to be published. Mr. Feury reviewed the all previous accomplishments and set up the current issues going forward. Those included; identifying spatial impact of each type of licensing, measurement of scale of each license type, structure size required by each license type, cultivation needs of each license type, possible limitations of using Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions, what are the possible lot sizes in the township, what should be the maximum set back, water usage of each license type, how to deal with harmful runoff, what needs to be considered for water protection, how to limit water consumption, how to enforce dark sky policies, noise pollution, nuisance conditions.

A possible extra meeting was discussed for before May 4th with possibility of May 1st.

Bridges

The NMPB reviewed and recommended approval of road layouts from MassDOT specifying the public right-of-way around four bridge reconstruction projects within the town: Norfolk Road, Campbell Falls Road, Canaan Southfield Road, and Lumbert Cross Road.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:34 by Mr. Schaefer and seconded Mr. Carson

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