Town of Cornish **PLANNING BOARD**

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Monday, January 9, 2017 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Jessie Larson, Ken Hall, Eve Bergstrom

Absent: Norm Harding, Kim Printy

Guests: Jared & Jacqueline Carr; Jody David; Michael Cooney; Nancy Perkins; Brad Perkins; Diann W. Perkins; Jason Parker; Les

MacMaster

Call Meeting to Order: 6:30 PM **By:** Jessie Larson

New Business:

- 1. Selectmen have requested a chance to talk to the board members
 - a. Emily was not available but she talked to Jess, who relayed the information that the selectmen talked with MMA and are looking into an ordinance prohibiting any production and/or retail of recreational marijuana or establishment of recreational marijuana social clubs. They would like something ready for the annual town meeting in March.
- 2. Approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2016 Workshop Meeting.
 - a. Ken Hall: Motion to approve as presented; Eve Bergstrom: Seconded; Vote: 3 Yeas, 0 Nays.
- 4. Formal Hearing: Jared & Jacqueline Carr (Cornish Cider Company)
 - a. Open public comments. Diann Perkins and Brad & Nancy Perkins expressed concerns over parking and traffic.
 - b. Ken suggested Jared look into ADA guidelines and provided a sample diagram of a ramp entrance to the basement.
 - c. A review of the CUP was conducted with open comments from the applicants and abutters.
 - d. Jessie Larson: Motion to approve the application; Ken Hall: Seconded. Vote: 3 Yeas, 0 Nays. The letter of approval was signed.
- 5. Formal Hearing: Jody David. Southern Maine Undercar
 - a. Open to the public for comment. Jessie read out load an email from the CEO with positive findings. One abutter left a phone message at the town office. The person is apparently out of state at the moment and could not attend the meeting. The individual's name and message were garbled so it was difficult to decipher but a portion of the message seemed to concern traffic. This concern was addressed by Jody David who stated that traffic would not be an issue since only a small number of cars are left to be repaired and/or inspected during the day, and the location is not a main thoroughfare. He did not expect an increase in business traffic.
 - b. Jessie Larson: Motion to approve the application; Ken Hall: Seconded. Vote: 3 Yeas, 0 Nays.
 - c. It was decided that Eve Bergstrom would write the CUP letter, submit it to the board members for approval and if deemed correct, it would be signed at the January 23rd Workshop Meeting.
- 6. Informational meeting for Jason Parker regarding a retail (Head shop) and a separate Medical marijuana consultation/distribution service.
 - a. The business is to be located at the Stoneridge Plaza at the western end of the building. The rooms are to be rented from Shahong Jiang. One room is public access and will be a retail shop for smoking paraphernalia (a Head Shop). The other room will be a secure location where Jason, as a licensed Medical Marijuana Caregiver will consult and distribute medical marijuana to his registered customers. No medical marijuana will be stored overnight at the site. Les MacMaster was asked for input and comment regarding the Consultant service as it might relate to the town Medical Marijuana Ordinance and state laws regulating caregivers leasing/renting retail spaces.

b. Because Shahong Jiang has a "blanket" permit for the building, it was determined that the "Head Shop" was retail space and covered under the blanket permit. The consultant/distribution part of the business should be considered an office rental. It was decided that the CEO was needed to do a review and determine if a special CUP would be needed for the consultation/distribution office. Mr. Parker was advised to contact the CEO before the January 23rd Workshop Meeting to determine the best course of action.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Formalize and sign LOA for Jody David (Southern Maine Undercar)

Public Comment: See above. **Communications Sent/Received:**

Sent:

• LOA: Jared & Jacqueline Carr

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Workshop Meeting - Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

- 1. Jody David (Southern Maine Undercar) Application CUP Acceptance letter: confirm wording and sign
- 2. Great Falls Construction Library Expansion Project Jason Parker
- 3. Jason Parker: Business plan for a Medical Marijuana Consultation Service/Head shop at Stoneridge
- 4. Matthew Cormier (Northeast Structures) Application
- 5. Approve Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Workshop Meeting
- 6. MMA Recreational marijuana retail and production prohibition
- 7. Sign ordinance status discussion
- 8. Shelby Oates Secretary position
- 9. Other:

Adjourn: 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eve Bergstrom Planning Board Secretary (temporary)