



Town of Cornish
PLANNING BOARD

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Wednesday, March 20, 2013
6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES


In Attendance: John Morrissey, Ken Hall, Bill Hoxie, Norm Harding, Mat Cama

Guests: Krista Lair, Steve Smith, John Dubois, Mark Lopez

Call Meeting to Order: 6:38 PM

New Business:

1. **Application Received:** Krista Lair d/b/a Krista's Restaurant (Map U-03, Lot 1) to expand seating capacity by converting the second floor from residence to dining.
 - a. Krista explained the new plans as presently a "work in progress."
 - b. The Fire Marshal is reviewing the plan and has found that the stairs to the second floor will have to be relocated and enclosed at either the top or bottom. The entire restaurant will have to have sprinklers.
 - c. The addition will provide seating for approximately 30 more people.
 - d. There will not be time for all of the improvements to occur this summer, so Krista will make what modifications she can, and bring the plan back to us when the Fire Marshal gives his approval.
 - e. General discussion brought up the issue of parking:
 - i. Steve Smith asked where the additional customers would park their vehicles, and what could be done about vehicles parking too close to the bridge, creating a traffic hazard.
 - ii. Krista replied that she was busiest when the other stores were closed, and there is generally ample parking along the street. But, many people are lazy and park without regard for others. Krista and her crew try to monitor the parking on the bridge and often ask people to move their cars. When it gets busy, it is difficult to keep track of the parking.
 - iii. Krista has inquired about using the gazebo area, but DOT said no because of limited visibility.
 - iv. It was the general opinion that the selectmen and planning board should work together to alleviate the parking problem.

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2. Application Received: John Dubois, O.D., d/b/a Sacopee Valley Eye Care to develop 2600 sq. ft. of space adjacent to Family Dollar (Map U-02, Lot 002).
 - a. Mr. Dubois explained his proposal to relocate his business from his residence at 95 Maple Street to the vacancy at the Family Dollar store. He explained that moving to that location would increase his business because it will be more visible, have more space, improve parking, and be handicapped accessible.
 - b. On a motion by Norm Harding, seconded by Ken Hall, the application was approved unanimously, 5-0.
 - c. Bill will prepare the letter of approval.
 3. Approve Business Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2013: On a motion by Ken Hall, seconded by Norm Harding, the minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0.
 4. Other: It was decided that the April 15 workshop will be at 6:00 PM.

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: Please see 1(e) above

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Business Meeting – Monday, April 1, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

1. Election of officers
2. Approve Business Minutes of March 20, 2013

Workshop Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2013 @ 6:00 PM

Adjourn: 7:50 PM