

Monday, July 11, 2016

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Approved as amended 8/8/2016) Text highlighted yellow.

In Attendance: John Morrissey, Ken Hall, Bill Hoxie, Norm Harding, Jessie Larson, Eve Bergstrom

Absent:

Guests: Wes Sunderland, CEO; Les MacMaster; Dan Sherman; Emily Ward; Shahong Jiang; Diann W. Perkins

Call Meeting to Order: 6:35 PM

New Business:

1. Discuss MMOC direction re: Social Clubs
 - a. John Morrissey (JM) stated that you either have social clubs or you don't or you designate specific areas where they are allowed or you don't. He then asked if the selectmen if they have had discussions regarding medical marijuana and what direction they preferred. Emily Ward replied that the selectmen have left that to the MMOC. As for recreational marijuana, it isn't yet legal, so it has not been discussed. Les MacMaster (LM) stated that Section 8 residents could not legally possess medical marijuana in their own home. (This potentially may be a need for a social club.) The MMO prohibits the dispensaries in the VC and HD. There are no private or social "clubs" in either district, so this would be the ideal time to prohibit them in these districts.

2. Shahong Jiang (SJ): regarding signage at Stoneridge Restaurant.
 - a. SJ acknowledged receipt of a letter from Wes Sunderland, CEO, regarding violations of the sign at Stoneridge Restaurant, of which she is the owner. She stated that she did not agree, and asked for an explanation.
 - b. Wes Sunderland, CEO, (WS) remarked that the sign is often left on all night; the sign ordinance limits illumination from 7:00 AM until 11:00 PM or closing. {(SJ): The motel is open all night.}
 - c. SJ: There is a sign that is on all night just down the road. JM: That sign is a gas station; it has gas pumps that are on all night and follows state regulations.
 - d. JM told SJ the sign at Stoneridge violated state and local regulations.
 - e. SJ told JM the sign could not be shut off because it would lose its programming due to its age.
 - f. JM: Lets focus on one thing at a time; you're wavering back and forth. Why can't you shut the sign off?
 - g. WS: I contacted a rep from the company and he couldn't verify whether or not the sign could be turned off without losing its programming.
 - h. SJ: The computer and the sign are on the same circuit, so when you shut it off you lose both.
 - i. JM: The sign message settings change frequently, so someone has to program it. I can't believe that a computer manufactured in this decade can't be turned on and off.
 - j. WS: The message should change at intervals no less than 20 minutes.
 - k. SJ: The computer will shut down and lose its programming.
 - l. JM: I'm not buying that.
 - m. Ken Hall (KH): We are bound by the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Ordinance to uphold the terms and regulations within. The Town of Cornish approved these laws and it is the duty of the CEO to enforce them. Are you the owner of this property? SJ: Yes. KH: Then you are responsible for the tenant.
 - n. JM: A number of people are frustrated with the way the tenant is operating the business and are not going there because of it.
 - o. SJ: Requested a letter listing the things to be corrected.
 - p. WS: We sent you a letter that clearly stated the violations.
 - q. JM: We will send you a letter that has a plan of action to follow.
 - r. KH: the minutes should show that SJ was noncompliant and refused to cooperate. Wes is doing a good job and she is disrespecting him.
 - s. Jessie Larson (JL)/ KH: It is time to develop a strategy; she is a difficult person.

- t. JM: Letter content
 - i. Sign has to be turned off at the end of business day
 - ii. Sign has to be compliant with state and Cornish Sign Ordinance
 - iii. Refer to LUO, p. 44
 - iv. Expire August 5, 2016
3. Approve Minutes of the June 20, 2016 Workshop Meeting.
 - a. Ken Hall: Motion to approve as presented. Bill Hoxie: Seconded. Vote: Yes: Unanimous
4. Other: Welcome new alternate member Eve Bergstrom
5. Adjourn.

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None

Communications Sent/Received: None

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Workshop Meeting – Monday, July 18, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

1. Bonney Memorial Library: Trustees Scott Cecil, Jack Bash, and others will discuss the solar panel project.
2. Approve Minutes of Business Meeting of July 11, 2016.
3. Other:

Adjourn: 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



William Hoxie
Planning Board Secretary