

Monday, August 8, 2016
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Approved 8/15/16)

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

Absent: None

Guests: Mat Cama; Dan Sherman; Diann W. Perkins; Les MacMaster; Wes Sunderland

Call Meeting to Order: 7:00PM

New Business:

1. Les MacMaster re: RFI/EMI (Electromagnetic interference) issues related to MMO
 - a. Les explained the RFI/EMI issue as it is related to the MMO ordinance the committee is working on. All electric currents emit EMI, but the FCC is responsible for regulating and enforcing complaints. It is unlikely that the EMI will interfere with emergency (fire/rescue, police, etc.) communications. After discussion, it was determined that the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) did not have to be amended at this time.
2. Mat Cama re: Discussion about revising the sign ordinance; possibility of moratorium on signs like those at Stoneridge, Cornish Market
 - a. Mat asked if the Board would support a moratorium on the issuance of permits for illuminated signs (Any sign that is illuminated by flashing or blinking lights, whether internally externally, or in which the illumination changes color.)
 - b. Considerations:
 - i. The Comprehensive Plan should be reflected in the LUO; some felt that illuminated signs, especially those like Stoneridge Restaurant and Cornish Market, did not fit in Cornish.
 - ii. A moratorium on such signs would give the Board time to research the sign ordinance (LUO. Article II, Section 6 R) and submit suggested amendments to the Selectmen, who would schedule a Public Hearing for the proposed amendment(s), and subsequent adoption at Town Meeting.
 - iii. Diann W. Perkins stated that the intent of those on the Comprehensive Plan committee was to keep illuminated signs out of the VC and HD districts.
 - iv. The Planning Board voted to support the Selectmen, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.
3. Approve minutes of the July 11, 2016 Business Meeting (Amended)
 - a. Ken Hall: Motion to approve as amended; Norm Harding: Seconded. Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.
4. Bonney Memorial Library renovation: Site Walk, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM.
 - a. Reminder
5. Work on social club language: Recommended amendments to Land Use Ordinance (definitions of clubs)
 - a. Definition of a club: An association or organization dedicated to a certain interest or activity.
 - b. Definition of a social club: A group of people or the place where they meet, generally formed around a common interest, occupation, or activity.
 - c. Such clubs and/or social clubs are welcome within the Town of Cornish, however, are prohibited from the districts of the Village Center and the Historic District.
 - i. Revision is necessary to consider the impact on religious and library gatherings. Bill will contact SMRPC for suggested language.
6. Approve minutes of the July 18, 2016 Workshop Meeting
 - a. Norm Harding: Motion to approve as amended; Ken Hall: Seconded. Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.
7. Wes Sunderland updates:
 - a. Shahong Jiang: Letter has been delivered.
 - b. ("Finding the Puddles"): Invited to CPB meeting
 - c. Jody David (Undercoat): Visit; clean, neat facility. RR & AG Districts line runs through the property.
 - d. Mike Humphrey & Nick Watson: Flag warnings

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: See above

Communications Sent/Received: None

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Workshop Meeting – Monday, August 15, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

1. Approve Minutes of the August 8, 2016 Business Meeting.
2. Other:

Adjourn: 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



William Hoxie
Planning Board Secretary