

Town of Washington

Planning Board Summary

August 10, 2021

Attendance: Deb Dean, Steve Ocean (Chair), Seth Anderson, Corey Fortin (CEO), Kate Grinnell (VC/S), Ezra Casas (Alt.)

Absent: Sarah Collins, Erick Anderson

Public Attendees: James Thomas, Richard Bartlett

Meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m.

Ezra Casas motions to approve the July summary, Deb Dean 2nd. All in favor, none opposed, July summary is approved.

Pre-Application, Richard Bartlett;

Mr. Bartlett is proposing to build a 2160 sq foot post and beam barn to be used as an event venue. It is located on Rt 105, near the Somerville line. He has obtained a MDOT access permit. The proposed build would be 600 feet away from the road, max capacity is assumed to be under 200 as the septic plans will be prepared to accommodate that. There would be no kitchen facilities, just bathrooms. Steve Ocean confirmed with Corey Fortin that the 15-acre parcel lies with in the Farm and Forest/Commercial outdoor education/recreation zoning. Steve Ocean would like to consult the Maine Municipal Association as well as the town attorney to be certain the appropriate permits are issued. Due to the size of the project a site review is necessary. Planning Board members will meet at 6:30 on September 14th prior to scheduled meeting at the location. The septic design has already been marked out. Seth Anderson asked about the noise ordinance and the involvement of the fire chief in the determination of occupancy. Steve Ocean inquired about any residence on the property. Richard Bartlett stated that no residence is planned and that he is sensitive to the needs of the neighbors and will make accommodations to not exceed the noise standards. The fire chief will be contacted for an inspection of the property.

Corey Fortin will reach out to the town attorney prior to next meeting to ensure proper procedures are being followed.

Maine Audio Visual;

James Thomas would like his location on Rt 17 to be treated as commercially zoned as on occasion he does have clients that drop by to pick up equipment. Corey Fortin will contact the town attorney on the matter because depending on the business classification the permit needed varies. Ezra Casas read through the different options, and it potentially could fall into a few categories so out of an abundance of caution some guidance is needed. Both Steve Ocean and Corey Fortin will reach out to the attorney to try to expedite some action on the matter.

Kate Grinnell motions to adjourn as there is no more items on agenda, Deb Dean 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hassanein