

Town of Washington

Planning Board Summary

December 12, 2022

Attendance: Steve Ocean (Chair), Corey Fortin (CEO), Samuel Collins, Kristie Grant (Alt.), Kate Grinnell (VC/S), Seth Anderson, Erick Anderson, Micah Nelson (Alt.)

Public Attendees: Nanne Kennedy (Anne)

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Summary reviews:

Kristie Grant motions to approve the July 12, 2022, summary, Kate Grinnell 2nd. All in favor, none opposed, summary approved.

Sam Collins motions to approve the summary from September 13th, 2022, Steve Ocean 2nd. All in favor, none opposed, the summary is approved.

Erick Anderson motions to approve the October 13th, 2022, Micah Nelson 2nd. All in favor, none opposed, the summary is approved.

Pre-Application livestock shelter;

Nanne Kennedy has submitted an application for a fabric covered structure of 3200 sq feet at her farm on 45 Hopkins Road to serve as emergency shelter for her sheep during inclement weather. The engineer reports have been submitted for the structure that would sit on reinforced concrete with side walls that can be cleaned of manure with a tractor once in use. There will be no plumbing or electrical, but a hose may be run to the location if needed and solar lights may be used. The property is in the Rural Commercial zone. Corey Fortin (CEO) on reviewing the ordinance notes that a non-residential farm building does not require a site plan. Kate Grinnell also reads that the proposed project falls with in the category of animal shelter that supports a site plan is not needed. Nanne Kennedy also states that there is fenced buffer zone. Steve Ocean advises the applicant to talk with the Selectboard as to the cost of the permit. If no site plan is needed the Planning Board does not need to be involved.

Sam Collins motions that no site plan in required, Kate Grinnell 2nd. All in favor, none opposed, Code Enforcement can issue the permit and the applicant can talk with the Selectman in regard to the permitting fees.

CEO Report;

Corey Fortin has been approached about a possible marijuana grow house on McDowell Rd. The property has been purchased, septic is in, and the CMP application has been submitted. Steve Ocean has attended a webinar on the topic and is recommending that an attorney be present because this is a new situation for the town and any missteps now could have consequences later. The Town has opted in for the recreational ordinances but does not have any medical ordinances in place. Stephanie Grinnell has prepared a draft application and has sent it to be reviewed by the town attorney. The Fire Chief has been clear that any grow operation must have sprinklers. Other communities have required some sort of filtration be used to mitigate the smell that these growing operations can have.

There have been no other developments with the former Maine Audio Visual site on Rt 17.

ScrapDogs have expressed interest in developing a large-scale composting operation in the George Halls Pit. CMP will have business with the Board next month.

Steve Ocean states that the Planning Board is responsible for evaluating the applications for compliance to the ordinances based on the application submissions not for the licensing that must be issued by the Selectboard when evaluating any upcoming marijuana business applications.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hassanein