

TOWN OF STAMFORD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
November 30, 2020
(UNAPPROVED)

Planning Commission present: Aaron Malachuk, Chair, Debra Burchard, Sheila Lawrence, Daniel Potvin, Helen Fields, Jenifer Hughs and John Dupras.

Kurt Gamari, David Saldo and Annemarie Potvin were not present.

Visitors: Ryan Rush-Booth and Hastin Mehta.

Lori Shepard, Secretary.

Aaron Malachuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Hastin Mehta from Billmont's Country Store spoke to the board about his desire to improve business and said it has been a hard year. He would like information to sell marijuana products at the store.

Aaron Malachuk stated that most of the licensing will be handled at the state level. He could contact Jim Sullivan at the Bennington County Regional Commission to see if there is any town involvement.

Helen Fields said she thinks the state is encouraging small businesses to expand sales; it is a legalized substance now and there isn't anything the town can do to prevent him from pursuing a license. Ryan Rush-Booth said the state may require building modifications for security reasons.

MINUTES

MOTION by Deb Burchard to accept the regular meeting minutes of October 19, 2020 as written.

SECONDED by Dan Potvin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Helen Fields asked if there was a motion made at the last meeting to hold bi-monthly Planning Commission meetings. Aaron Malachuk said he didn't feel a motion was necessary since the board is only required to meet once per year. Helen Fields felt if the board is going to have meeting attendance requirements, then regular meetings should be scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

MOTION by Dan Potvin to enter executive session to discuss town employee matters. SECONDED by Deb Burchard. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. Ryan Rush-Booth was invited to participate. The Planning Commission entered executive session at 6:27 p.m.

MOTION by Dan Potvin to exit executive session. SECONDED by Aaron Malachuk. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Planning Commission exited executive session at 7:31 p.m.

MOTION by Dan Potvin to recommend Ryan Rush-Booth to the Selectboard for the Zoning Administrator position. SECONDED by Jen Hughs. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. Lori Shepard stated that when the

Selectboard contacted Jim Sullivan from the BCRC about the Zoning Administrator position, they were informed that the length of the term (three years) was written in statute and was not variable.

MOTION by Aaron Malachuk to adjourn. SECONDED by Deb Burchard. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2021.

Aaron Malachuk
Planning Commission Chair

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