

Fryeburg Planning Board Meeting

Date: August 22, 2023

Members in Attendance: Patrick Emery- Chair, Tom Rebmann-Vice Chair, Edy Kizaki- Secretary, Stephen Chase, Edward Price- Alternate, Greg Hatch-Alternate (not in attendance: Eli Goodwin)

Call to Order & Establish Quorum:

By: Patrick Emery

Time: 6:05 pm

Review and Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: reviewed and motion to approve

Motion by: S. Chase

Seconded by: T. Rebmann

Vote: carried

Current Business:

CEO Report presented by Town Manager, Katie Haley for June 2023. S. Chase motioned to accept report as read, Seconded by E. Kizaki.

Discussion ensued regarding this report containing citizen complaints. Going forward the report will contain violation notices as well. T. Rebmann inquired regarding complaints of marijuana odors being enforceable. Haley replied that the existing ordinances allow it to be enforced. Further stated that the Police Chief and Town manager met with owner, looked at the building and suggested that filtration system be installed in the drying area of the processing building. It was done and there have been no further complaints of odors. Motion passed by all.

Signs Ordinances changes, presented by Ed Price. Discussion: Price changed the height of the signs from 25 feet to 15 feet as suggested in prior meeting. Stated that the ordinances are in compliance with ME DOT regulations. Regarding internally illuminated signs, the current ones in use are grandfathered. Price will email the ordinances document to all Planning Board members for their review. (He also has STR documents and will email those as well). J. Tyrrell (in audience and Select board Chair) mentioned that State of Maine has passed a law banning the sale of fluorescent lights being sold in the state as of 2025 or 2026. Chase remarked that the board may want to consider a change for the ordinance where it states that businesses when not open must turn off the internally lighted signs, because the businesses rely on the signage for advertising, especially when they are not open. Chase further stated the he feels the Planning Board has done due diligence in their efforts to reduce light pollution. Redmann suggested changing it to "no light from midnight to dawn, i.e; "Dark Hours". Kizaki suggested 10 pm to dawn. Haley questioned about security risks. Chase commented that if the lighted sign is in compliance, then why not have it lit. Chase then suggested that the sign document be reviewed at next planning Board meeting in September. After some further discussion, it was agreed that the September meeting will be discussions of Sign Ordinance document and LD2003 document. The October meeting will be review of the STR document.

Other Business:

Rebmann inquired if there is an area that would be suitable for a Farmer's Market. Haley checked the book and reported that village, residential, and general commercial areas area would allow such, as long as it was in compliance with all other regulations and approved by the planning board. Rebmann suggested that it may be organized for next year and perhaps the Legion Hall area would be appropriate,

or the Fairgrounds. Haley commented that some portions of the fairgrounds are zoned for it but not all. Rebmman stated that the Farmer's Market would be a great asset to the town. Chase said to let the organization that is interested in getting this going do the work needed and come to the planning board with their proper paperwork.

Public Forum:

Nothing at this time.

Approval of Code Officer's Report: no report given at this time

Next meeting is September 26, 2023 workshop at 5 pm. J. Tyrrell commented that If workshop is not completed by 6 pm meeting, the meeting may be conducted, and then the workshop resumed after if needed.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn made by Chase, seconded by Rebmman.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm

Respectfully submitted by Maryann Eastman, Scribe.

This is accurate to the best of my ability, please excuse any omissions, correct any errors.