

TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND
PLANNING BOARD MEETING Minutes
Weds., June 1, 2016
Groveton PD/Ambulance Bldg. - Meeting Room
10 Station Square, Groveton, NH
Immediately Following the Bernie Waugh
Municipal Law Update
Which Begins at
6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Addy Hall, Gloria Brisson, Al Rossetto, Tim Sutherland, Jim Weagle
Others: Elaine Gray, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Justin Hebert, Bethany Brito, Rebecca St. Cyr-Recorder

Chairman, Tim Sutherland opened the regular meeting at 7:21 pm

1. MINUTES of May 4, 2016 Meeting

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 4-0

2. Potential Home Business – Antique Shop in Garage – J. Hebert/B. Brito

Justin Hebert and Bethany Brito want to start an antique shop in their garage. They want to be sure they do whatever is necessary to have it done correct. J. Weagle said they may have a problem with the State. The previous owners had a hard time getting the driveway permit approved due to it being on the corner.

J. Weagle commented that unless they do major renovations or putting up a new building, a building permit would not be required. E. Gray asked if they would need to apply for a change in use for the driveway. T. Sutherland said he didn't think it would be an issue.

Mr. Hebert asked if there would be an issue building on the lot? T. Sutherland said it shouldn't be unless he decided to develop the property further, it would be a change of use. Then the driveway would be more than just a driveway and the State might step in.

Their hours of operation will probably be 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Security lights might be necessary if open after dark. Parking shouldn't be an issue; there is room in the main driveway and there is a lot across the road, which they own. They probably won't have a public restroom and would need to post it as such.

E. Gray said if they decide to put up a new building, they will need to get a building permit. There are set backs to be met for depending on the zone. This lot is low residential, the set backs are 15' from the back; 10 from each side boundary and 50' from the center of the road. The RR has a right-of-way that would need to be considered also. J. Weagle said the RR is a little different and further discussed. A. Hall suggested checking with the RR before they start anything.

To start with the business will just be in the garage. J. Weagle mentioned keeping the driveway entrance clear for a good view for cars entering and exiting. They plan to put out a sign, E. Gray said they will need to get a sign permit. The Board further discussed the signage. They might call the business Antiques by the River – not sure yet. They plan to have a web-site also – just general antiques.

3. Michael Stirling – Update on Former Mill Properties

Mike Stirling wasn't available to attend the meeting tonight; E. Gray sent Stirling an email for an update. They haven't received any EDA grants yet, the companies that he has been talking with are still coming in. J. Weagle said he has noticed some recent activity. There are not any new prospects yet.

4. Correspondence -Town of Lancaster – Varsity Wireless

T. Sutherland was at a Lancaster Planning Board meeting; Varsity Wireless, LLC is putting up a cell tower in Lancaster and Jefferson. They may also be looking at Groveton, possibly in the area of Marshall Corner. E. Gray said he stopped in for the tele communications ordinance and the application. T. Sutherland said they are a company out of MA; Sutherland was not sure who is behind the project (financially) or if they are getting help from the government or other.

J. Weagle said he doesn't understand why a company that can't offer full services wouldn't want another company on the tower. A. Rossetto said each call that goes through the tower has a cost, there is money for using the resource. The carrier pays the tower.

J. Weagle said they don't want competition; they want to control the lines of communication even though they can't offer the service. NCIC didn't bring up Northern Pass until everything had been approved. They were 50% of the funding on the tower, J. Weagle further discussed.

E. Gray said he didn't give her any details. T. Sutherland said he (Varsity Wireless) offered the top seat for emergency services. We use Lancaster and Weeks Hospital's band for emergency communications.

The Board discussed the tower on Morse Mtn and the issues with getting service on it.

5. Any Other Business to Come Before the Board

J. Weagle reviewed the drilling project; they got part way through and the bit broke. They are currently waiting for it to be delivered. Rossetto wondered how they will get it done within the contract period. The Board further reviewed the project

Motion to adjourn by: A. Hall
2nd by: G. Brisson

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm