Per order of the Governor, please be prepared to space out from each other in the room at least 6 ft. apart with no more than 10 in the room at once.

Planning Board Members present: James Weagle, Acting Chairman, Ryan Shannon, Al Rossetto (via phone, leaves meeting at 7:10 pm after Jesse arrives), Elaine Gray, Alternate, Jesse Hern, Alternate (arrives at 7:10 pm), recorder.

Others present: Ann Bronson, Kimberly Bronson, Jennifer Welborn, Christopher Shepard, Richard “Jeff” Webster.

1. MINUTES of March 4, 2020 Meeting Motion by Ryan Shannon to approve minutes of March 4th meeting, second by Elaine, all in favor, 3-0.

2. Welcome New & Renewed Planning Board Members James welcomes and thanks new Planning Board member Ryan Shannon, and renewed Planning Board member, Addison Hall.

3. Riverside Speedway – Building Addition Questions from Owner decision for owners to wait until the May meeting.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: James closes the Planning Board meeting to go into Public Hearing on the following:

Case #P20-02: Roaring Brook Farm, LLC, owned by Jennifer Welborn and Chris Shepard, is seeking a Site Plan Review for a conversion of a single family home into their business called Lost Nation Fermentation Brew Pub & Distillery. The location is at 80 State St. in Groveton on Map 104 Lot 32, and the 0.41 Ac. parcel is zoned Commercial.

Abutters Ann Bronson, accompanied by her daughter-in-law Kimberly Bronson as speaker, express concern over plowing and snow. James mentions that it has been suggested to move the parking from P21 to vicinity of P22, away from the abutters. Garbage is another concern of the Bronsons. Jennifer and Chris states there will be no garbage, inside eating. Restaurant to close at 9pm, a family friendly restaurant. Abutters happy with solution and answers.

James closes Public Hearing and goes back into Planning Board meeting with questions from Planning Board members.

Ryan Shannon asks if they will have outdoor seating.

Jennifer and Chris: Will have to see how it goes, not this year.

James expresses congratulations to Jennifer Welborn and Chris Shepard for the most thought out plans he has ever seen in his 15 years on the board.

Elaine asks what the hours of operation will be.

Jennifer: Unofficially Friday 3pm to 9pm, and maybe Noon to 9pm on Saturday and Noon to 5 or
6pm on Sunday.
Al asks Chair to be excused because of Jesse's arrival, Al congrats Chris and Jennifer on the wonderful job they have done with the building.
Ryan asks how many bathrooms will there be?
Chris replies two.
Jim mentions ADA approved.
Jennifer says they both will be ADA compliant.
Jesse asks if concern over parking was resolved. Jim says yes.
Jennifer and Chris express concern on length of time State is taking on parking permit. Hope to open after first of next year.
Motion to approve on movement of P21 to near P22 for parking and upon the receipt of the approved State driveway permit by Ryan, second by Jesse. All in favor, 4-0.
After arrival of Richard Webster, James closes Planning Board meeting and goes back into Public Hearing at 7:18 pm.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

Case #P20-03: Richard J. & Pamela Webster are seeking a Minor Subdivision into 2 parcels for their 3.34 acre parcel located at 1112 Lancaster Rd. in order to subdivide the storage units building from the Bear Small Engine Repair building. The parcel is Map 240 Lot 33, and is zoned Residential Low Density, but a Use Variance was obtained for Commercial Retail Use.

No public so goes back into Planning Board meeting.
Richard explains his intention. Wants to subdivide storage units from Bear’s Repair but has to wait for DES permits to approve future septic system locations before closing. Discussion with Richard and Ryan on sale in that closing is now put off until May 1.
Motion to approve permit upon acceptance of DES permits made by Ryan, second by Jesse, all in favor, 4-0. Elaine, Jesse, Ryan and James sign.

6. Amended Zoning Ordinance Amended zoning ordinance was voted in and the Selectmen signed.

7. Any Other Business To Come Before the Board there is none.
May 6th is next meeting, tentatively.
Motion to adjourn by Jesse, seconded by Ryan, all in favor, 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting, May 6, 2020, tentatively

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Northumberland Planning Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Northumberland Planning Board Members on ______________________

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James Weagle Jesse Hern
Acting Planning Board Chair Planning Board Member