

LIMERICK PLANNING BOARD MINUTES-Approved 5/1/19

April 3, 2019

Dottie opened the meeting with Wendy, Ed, Laura, and Aaron present and Dottie lead the audience in the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Ed motioned and Wendy seconded the motion to accept the minutes of March 20, 2019.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor Aaron abstained not present for that meeting.

NOMINATIONS:

Wendy nominated Dottie as Chair and Aaron seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0 In Favor Dottie abstained

Wendy nominated Aaron as Vice-Chair and Dottie seconded the motion.

Vote 4-0 In Favor Aaron abstained

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie asked Steve McLean to come to the podium and told the board that they have his application for renewal of his used car conditional use in front of them and asked for a motion to accept his application.

Wendy motioned and Dottie seconded the motion to accept his application.

No discussion.

Vote 4-0 In Favor

Dottie asked to set a date for the site walk and public hearing for April 17th and she asked Steve if that was alright with him and he answered yes.

Aaron asked if what they have are the answers for this application and Dottie stated yes he has changed the date at the top of the page.

Steve stated he also has the answers that were given the Appeals Board for them to put these with the application and he distributed them to the board members.

The board decided to set the site walk for April 17th at 5:30 PM and the hearing at 7:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dottie moved on to some ordinance changes as proposed by the code enforcement officer Mike Gilpatrick, these proposals would be added as F G and H to the ordinances under Article IX Enforcement.

Aaron stated he had reservations about F. and G, F speaks of a Business Occupancy Permit with a \$25.00 fee, and Aaron stated that we (the town) had just passed an ordinance that says the conditional use permits run with the land and this ordinance stated if a business is closed for 360 days or more the existing use would be nullified.

Dottie stated that this will help let us know what businesses we have in town and businesses that are legally active now are exempt from paying the \$25.00; there was a question on how the town would determine who is in business now to make them exempt from the fee.

There was a lengthy back and forth discussion concerning this proposal and also discussion on having either an informational meeting or public hearing to see how people feel about these proposals. Aaron suggested that instead of moving forward and not seeing how people feel about this and then having to say well you should vote it down because we didn't do our homework, let's do our homework and see how people feel and then write the ordinance.

Aaron brought up that there should be continued discussion about changes to the land use chart, it has been in the past if the use does not appear on the land use chart it is not allowed. Aaron said he feels this is a pressing issue and this should be taken care of; Mike has brought this up long time ago and this is one thing we should take care of right away.

After considerable discussion Ed motioned and Dottie seconded the motion to put proposals F, G and H on the ballot for June.

Vote 2 For and 3 Against Motion Fails

The discussion turned to the proposed Code Enforcement Office Fee Schedule showing old pricing and new costs per unit prepared by Mike Gilpatrick; at the top of the page it states: Shall an ordinance be enacted to increase fees charged by the Code Enforcement Office.

Aaron stated that he does not agree with 16 cents a foot for barns or a pole barn he thinks that increase could be a huge increase.

Laura asked if this should come before the planning board or the board of selectmen.

Dottie stated she does not know why but code enforcement fees have to go through the planning board per the MMA Manual for Code Enforcement and the fees can be established by the code office.

Aaron asked if there were a need to increase fees for the department.

Ed stated that one of the reasons is he is trying to cover the costs of the new software voted for at town meeting.

Wendy stated the fees haven't been changed for a long time.

There was continued discussion concerning if it was to be an ordinance and if it were to go to the selectmen.

Wendy motioned and Dottie seconded the motion to move the fee structure as an ordinance on to the selectmen for a vote.

Vote 4 In Favor 1 Opposed – Motion Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dottie read the announcements: the next meeting is April 17th with a site walk at 5:30 and public hearing at 7 with a regular meeting to follow.

ADJOURNMENT:

Wendy motioned and Dottie seconded the motion to adjourn.

Vote 5-0 In Favor

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanne L. Andrews

Secretary