

Town of Bethlehem

Planning Board Public Hearing

September 12, 2012

Present: Harold Friedman, Donald Lavoie, Patrick Doughty, Alecia Loveless, Andrea Bryant, Michael Bruno, Secretary Dianne Lambert

Excused: Jeanne Robillard, Peter Roy

Meeting opened at 6:10 p.m.

Patrick Doughty placed Michael Bruno as a full member for the meeting.

Patrick opened the public hearing to consider an application for Scott Himmer located on 1990 Main St, to open a hair salon. Board went through the checklist.

Alecia Loveless made a motion to approve the application as substantially complete. Seconded Donald Lavoie. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Scott Himmer and Dotty Champagne explained the application. The Salon will operate on the first floor of the front cottage. The resident has town water and sewer. The parking will be on Main St and Strawberry Hill with two parking spaces in the driveway of the residents. The hours of operation will be Tuesday thru Saturday with one night (Thursday) being opened to 8 pm. Depending how business is possibly it could work into additional nights. They will be erecting a sign which will be placed out front. The salon will have two working station with two employees. The service provided will be hair dressing and Mani and Pedi.

The Board asked about egresses for the salon and Scott replied stating there are three to the salon.

Lon Weston and Leslie Drier expressed concern on the parking on Strawberry Hill. Lon explained that Strawberry Hill is a substandard street with limited parking.

Donald Lavoie explained the ordinance allows businesses on Main St to utilize Main St parking.

Dotty explained before she could open the state would have to come in and inspect along with the local Fire Chief Jack Anderson.

Donald Lavoie made a motion to approve the application for Scott Himmer with one condition as follows: Dotty Champagne shall provide a copy of the state license seconded by Alecia Loveless passed with a unanimous vote.

Tara from North Country Council is in to review the current Master Plan with the Planning Board. She said there are three different approaches that North Country Council offers

1. Update existing document
2. Start over
3. The existing document isn't really out of date. We suggest doing an action plan.

Lon Weston addressed the board and said if they are thinking of redo the master Plan they should include other members such as conservation committee select board, department heads. Have meeting and then present it to the whole planning board.

Changes in the ordinance spike changes in the master plan.

The Board has asked Tara to take a look at the existing master plan and come up with some suggestion and a quote so the planning board can put the money in the budget for the 2013 year. This could possibly be done in a two year spread.

Harold Friedman excused at 7:30 pm.

Jeffrey Taylor helped on the existing master plan and might have a word version still on file.

Donald Lavoie made the motion to have North Country Council submit a bid for the update of the Master Plan. Seconded by Andrea Bryant and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

When the quote is ready it will be email to Dianne Lambert, Secretary and then she will email it to the board member to review before the next meeting.

Andrea Bryant told the board she would not be in attendance at the Sept 24 meeting.

The NH Fire Academy would like the Planning Board to hold a work session on the proposed fire academy training center to be built on Trudeau Road (at the old ranger station) They would like to go over the plans and get a letter of resolution from the planning board. The Board agreed to meeting with the Fire Academy on Trudeau Road September 24 @ 6 pm.

The Office has received a call from Franz Szakmary to setup a pit inspection.

The Board would like to perform the inspection Monday September 24 @ 6 pm. Dianne Lambert will setup the appointment.

Donald Lavoie made the motion to approve the renewal of Bethlehem Earth Material (Richard Gould) gravel permit for the 2012 Year. Seconded by Andrea Bryant and the vote passed by a unanimous vote.

The Board would like to invite Fred Kendall into a meeting to discuss the existing issue the gravel pit has. The Board directed Dianne Lambert to write a letter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne Lambert
Planning Board Secretary