Planning & Zoning Commission

Voluntown Town Hall

Wednesday March 13, 2019

Meeting Minutes

**Unapproved**

Chairman Davidson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Voluntown Planning & Zoning Commission to order at 7:04pm.

**Members present:** Chairman Scott Davidson, Alternate Max Hallowell, Alternate Marc Ledoux, and full voting members: Bob Panko, David Nieminen, Carl Grenier, Neftali Soto, Tom Sweet and ZEO Pete Zvingilas.

**Additions to Agenda:** Chairman Davidson asked for a motion to add an application submitted by James Anderson to the agenda under new business. Carl Grenier made the motion. Seconded? All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2019**: Carl Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes with discussed modifications. Tom Sweet seconded the motion. Neftali Soto abstained. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ZEO Report:** Cease & Desist 1 Main Street (Attorney Review) has to finalize and will have for the Commission next month. Lillibridge being taken care of.

**Old Business:** POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) Jim Larkin, NECCOG will be attending our May meeting. He will email copy of POCD to Chairman Davidson at the end of April, who will forward to all members of the Commission.

**New Business:** James Anderson, 63 Gate Street Voluntown submitted an application for a text amendment change under Section 2 and Special exceptions (5.2) of the Voluntown Planning & Zoning Regulations. Requesting to have Brew Pub added in those sections of the regs.

**Public Hearing will be at the regular May meeting. 7pm May 8, 2019.** Public hearing will be first followed by regular meeting. Jim Larkin has application. Chairman Davidson will forward to town attorney, Mike Carey for attorney review.

Neftali Soto made a motion to accept Application 031319. Carl Grenier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

All in favor for the public hearing May 8, 2019.

**Budget:** Commission under budget since we have not utilized counsel. Spent $526.00 to date. Projected spent with application for text amendment will put budget at about $2,000. Selectman Hanson would like P&Z Commission to pay for some of the POCD. It is supposed to come out of capital expenses, but there is an issue since the POCD is a reoccurring issue vs. a non-recurring issue. Any money not spent in P&Z budget goes back into undesignated fund. Will get precise numbers for POCD cost from Jim Larkin.

After further discussion amongst the Commission, members agreed to keep the budget the same with no reduction.

Member Carl Grenier asked about town finding new counsel. Really no update from Selectman’s office.

**Citizens Comments**-None

**Correspondence:** P&Z seminar on 3/23/19. Chairman Davidson let members know that there is money in the budget for education if anyone was interested attending seminars

**Adjournment:** Carl Grenier made a motion to adjourn. Tom Sweet seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.

Kerry Tetreault, Recording Secretary

Scott Davidson, Chairman