

Planning Board Meeting
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Present: Chair Morris Klein, Stefan Zielonko, Sean Leary, Dwight Smith and Clare Hudon. Selectman Rep. William Nebelski, Dorianne Almann and Alternate George Benedict were excused. There were five members of the public present.

6:30 pm: The meeting was called to order. Chair Klein read the public notice for an Application for Minor Site Plan Development Review submitted by T-Bird Mini Mart, tax map 23 lot 1, 849 Brattleboro Rd., in the Rural Agricultural District. Applicant proposes to renovate old bank area into an office. Joji representing Cheshire Oil explained that area has been empty for some time. This office will use the same entry and exit that is currently used by T-Bird customers. Cheshire Oil will be renting this office space out. The proposed use for the office space will be processing and scanning documents. Chair Klein asked for questions from the public, hearing none he closed the public portion and asked the Board for questions and comments. The office hours will be the same hours that T-Bird's. There will be approximately three employees. There will be no need for addition parking spaces. The drive up window will not be in use. Stefan Zielonko made a motion to accept the application. He was seconded by Sean Leary. The motion passed unanimously. Sean Leary made a motion to approve the Site Plan labeled EC.1 with the provisions from the Building Inspector and Fire Chief. He was seconded by Stefan Zielonko. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Klein read the public notice for an Application for Minor Site Plan Development Review submitted by Sandhill Shopping Center LLC, tax map 19 lot 13, 670 Brattleboro Rd., in the Roadside Commercial District. Applicant proposes to install a bulk propane dispensary. David Toth representing Tractor Supply explained that they wish to install a 1000 gallon bulk tank inside the yard, as noted on the Site Plan. The propane dispensary would fill propane tanks used commonly in barbeque grills or RV's. Maximum size tank that can be filled is a 100 lb. tank. Chair Klein asked for questions from the public, hearing none he closed the public portion and asked the Board for questions and comments. This bulk propane dispensary tank will be the only one onsite for retail sales. Clare Hudon made a motion to accept the applicant. She was seconded by Sean Leary. The motion passed unanimously. Stefan Zielonko made a motion to approve the Site Plan dated 12/29/15 with the provisions from the Building Inspector and Fire Chief. He was seconded by Sean Leary. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Klein read the public notice to amend Article VII, Special Regulations to add the Solar Siting Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Hinsdale Zoning Ordinance. After Board discussion and comments from the public the Board decided to table the proposed ordinance till next year. Sean Leary made a motion to table the proposed article. He was seconded by Stefan Zielonko. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Klein read the public notice to amend Article X, Administration and Enforcement of the Town of Hinsdale Zoning Ordinance at the section titled "Certificate of Occupancy," as proposed by the Planning Board. Dwight Smith made a motion to approve the proposed article. He was seconded by Sean Leary. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Klein read the public notice to amend the Town of Hinsdale Building Code to delete the reference to the International Property Maintenance Code 2000, and incorporate by reference the provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code 2015, as proposed by the Planning Board. Dwight Smith made a motion to approve the proposed article. He was seconded by Sean Leary. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Klein read the public notice to amend the Town of Hinsdale Building Code to add provisions relating to the issuance of building permits, add provisions relating to the establishment of the Building Code Board of Appeals, and designate the Zoning Board of Adjustment to act as the Building Code Board of Appeals, as proposed by the Planning Board. Dwight Smith made a motion to approve the proposed article. He was seconded by Sean Leary. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Business:

Mari Brummer and Liz Kelly from SWRPC attended the meeting to discuss Complete Streets. The Board reviewed the Complete Streets Policy's from Portsmouth and Swanzey. They also reviewed Complete Streets Typologies for Hinsdale. There was discussion of the Complete Streets demonstration planned for this summer. This event will possibly be held downtown on a Sunday during the hours of the Farmers Market. The demonstration will be interactive and there will also be a barbeque for the public. Two other areas were proposed for the demonstration. The first was Rt. 119 in front of the school, and the second area was heading west on Prospect Street from school.

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Sean Leary would like to share the Safe Routes to School Presentation written by SWRPC with the Planning Board.

Also discussed was the Rack it Up Program. This program offers free or reduced priced bike racks to area businesses and public places in town. SWRPC will be contacting area businesses, the town and school to offer bike racks in February. The U shaped racks are free but installation is required by recipient. There is a need for storage of all bike racks when delivered. CDC Kathryn Lynch will ask the Highway Superintendent if there is space in the Town Garage for the delivery of the bike racks and ask the Selectmen if installation cost and labor can be donated by the Town. Next meeting with SWRPC and the Board will be March 15th. This will be a working meeting as the Board and SWRPC review a draft copy of the Complete Streets Policy for Hinsdale, and breakdown the road type in town. CDC Kathryn Lynch will ask the Highway Superintendent to join the Board to discuss Complete Streets.

With no other business to discuss, Stefan Zielonko made a motion to adjourn. He was seconded by Dwight Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Lynch