

Planning Board
Town of Hinsdale, NH
Town Hall
Meeting February 20, 2024

Board Members: Chair, Sean Leary, Sandra Golden, James Mitchell, Ann Diorio, Alex Duso and Selectboard rep Bernie Rideout. CDC Josh Green.

There were 6 people in the audience.

6pm Chair Leary called the meeting to order and read the agenda. Chair Leary read the public notice of Ravi Patel's proposed convenience store. John Ramsey from SVE Associates presented the design of the proposed convenience store on 119. He explained the septic design and approval. Having 3 catch basins and all tests have been performed. He further explained the lighting, outside showing parking spaces and open space. CDC Green told the board that legal was working on the easements from Phantom Fireworks and Sandri so the water can be extended to Ravi's parcel. Green also explained that he reached out to all the Dept. heads for input. Sean asked the board if there were any questions. No questions from the board. Chair asked if there was anyone in the audience with questions. No questions from the public. There were no comments from any dept. Ann made the motion to accept the plan and was seconded by Jim Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair signed Notice of Voluntary Merger for Darby Patterson.

Chair Leary read what was next on the agenda. The informal with Shannon Tracy and her proposed "Glamp Ground" or campground with Yurts. She brought a full color pamphlet of her proposed campground. She would like to have a 30x40 carriage house with an apartment above. She further explained the layout and details of her project. Sean asked the board if they had any questions for Shannon. Sandy asked if she had plans for a gate or security. Shannon did not have plans for a gate but thanked her for the suggestion. She also explained the Yurts would not be visible from the road. Alex asked about cleaning facilities. Shannon explained that they would be in the carriage house. Chair Leary asked if there were any further questions from the board. No questions. Sean asked if the public had any questions. No questions.

Chair Leary read what was next on the agenda. A housing discussion with Housing Navigator Rik Eckstrom. Rik explained that he has been working with the Housing Navigator group of Hinsdale. The Housing Navigator is being financed through INVEST NH. A video was shown to the board of all the activities the group did in 2023. The events and group meetings are to understand the housing needs in Hinsdale and to work on the Master Plan and zoning/ordinances updates. Going forward for the next 9 months he would like to see more public outreach and participation. Sean asked if the board had any questions. Bernie explained infrastructure concerns which is hindering growth. Bernie also talked about the need for senior housing. The board also expressed concerns for much needed young professionals. Suggestions were made for public outreach. Having a table at Town Meeting with the Dot Survey boards. Ann made a

suggestion that the Planning Board could have a half hour to an hour at the end of the agenda to devote on the housing needs of Hinsdale. Justin made a suggestion to reach out to the school superintendent for support. Alex would like to have the slide shown via email. Rik said he would email it to CDC Josh and Josh will email the board with the slides.

Ann made the motion to accept the minutes from January 16, 2024. Bernie seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Ann makes the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Sandy. Motion passes unanimously.

With there being no further business to come before the meeting, Ann made a motion to adjourn. He was seconded by Sandy G. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Green
Community Development Coordinator.