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NORWAY PLANNING BOARD

JULY 27, 2017

PRESENT: Chairman – Dennis Gray, Secretary – Mary Lou St. John, Michael Quinn and alternates – Conrad McAllister and Thomas Hoffelder. Absent: Anthony Morra and Anita Hamilton.

MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2017. Motion was made and seconded to approve as presented. It was so voted.

RYAN RICCI OF 290 MAIN STREET PUB/PUBLIC HEARING TO EXPAND BUSINESS TO OUTDOORS IN PARKING LOT. MAP 27, LOT 195. Ryan stated that there is room for 15 cars to park at the back of the building. The front, adjacent lot will hold 8 cars, which the enclosure will eliminate. He noted that they served at the Art Festival and did well and decided since there were other activity dates coming up, they should get permission to do it all season. The building at 274 Main Street (shares the same parking lot) is also owned by Shawn Casey. Ryan stated that Casey will dedicate 4 parking spots for the tenants at 274 Main Street and there will be signage for that. Ryan stated that even though the rest of the parking will be taken by the area they will serve in, there is still the parking at the back and on the street. He will be open from 11 am to 9 or 10 pm. They will have 6 picnic tables, which will increase his seating capacity from 49 seats to 90 seats. This will also assist him to seat people that are waiting for tables in the pub. He might ask for an extension to do a tailgate party in the fall. The fencing will be removed after the season and replaced again in the spring. He will set back 5' from the sidewalk and access will be through the main building.

Michael Quinn stated there is more room out back to park than he thought.

Timothy Parsons (abutter) stated that the Norway Brewery down the street has very low conversation and noise and is concerned that noise will be more of an issue here.

Tom Hoffelder feels that the sun/tent type cover that Norway Brewery uses could also help Ryan with the noise.

Ryan Ricci stated that he was going to see about television outside for baseball and football games.

Dennis Gray stated that the ordinance limits him to 55 decibels from 7am to 10 pm and 45 decibels from 10 pm to 7 am. The residential requirement would have to be met.

Dennis Gray noted that there 3 documents presented to the board for inclusion in the file. A letter from tenants at 274 Main Street stating their concerns about the drinking and noise, notes taken by telephone from Chief Rob Federico stating that he wanted to see it closed at 8 pm and is worried about noise and the proximity of the many rental tenants in that area. He also warned against drinks being handed over the fence. The third submission was from owner of the property Shawn Casey approving of this use at the pub.

Conrad McAllister would like to see them stop serving at 8 pm, but still keep the area open until 10 pm.

Ryan Ricci stated they could do that.

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Chairman Gray asked about the dance studio owner; did she get notified.

Ryan stated he assumes she knows and is ok with it, because they have a good relationship. He feel the landlord would have communicated to her.

Shirley Boyce clarified to the board that the police chief feels that this neighborhood is different than the neighborhood that is around the Norway Brewery beer garden down the street, specifically that there are elderly at the Dr. Danforth House on the other side of Main Street.

Tom Hoffelder feels that stopping alcohol service at 8 pm is a good idea.

Motion was made and seconded to approve with the following conditions:

- 4 parking spots will be dedicated for tenants at 274 Main Street with signage
- Decibel levels will not exceed 55 between 7 am and 10 pm (see site plan ord).
- Alcohol service stops at 8 pm every night
- Closing is at 10 pm Friday and Saturday nights and at 9 pm Sunday through Thursday
- The area may be open from May 1 to November 1.

It was so voted.

CEO STATES THAT HE HAD A CALL FROM REVISION ENERGY ABOUT SOLAR FARM AT THE LAURIE PROPERTY at 320 OLD STAGE ROAD. Scott is asking if the board feels that they would need to review this. The board felt that they would. The land will be leased to put up solar panels that will shared by 9 people.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou St. John, Secretary

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