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Town of Grantham Planning Board Meeting Minutes May 5, 2016

Chair Carl Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room of the Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

Present: Chair Carl Hanson, Vice Chair Peter Guillette, Mary Hutchins, Selectmen's Representative Warren Kimball, Charlie McCarthy

Meeting minutes: Secretary Nikki Arsenault

Absent: Thain Allan

Public Attendance: Jessica Davis, Kate Viles, Karen Seamans, Todd Brown, Andrew (Drew) Edmunds, Joe Brown

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hanson asked the Board members if there were any corrections or changes to the April 7, 2016 minutes.

Kimball proposed the following change to the section regarding the election of officers:

Kimball noted that Hanson was re-elected as Chair and that this should be corrected accordingly.

McCarthy noted that with respect to Allan's position on the Board, it is important to acknowledge that Allan was appointed to fill McCarthy's expired term. McCarthy noted that he will remain as an alternate to Allan's position. McCarthy noted that for tonight's meeting, he himself will be an acting member on the Board. Chair Hanson added that for this evening McCarthy is also a voting member.

There being no additional changes to the April 7, 2016 minutes, a motion was made by Guillette and seconded by Hutchins to approve the minutes as amended.

Unanimously Approved and Accepted

New Business

a) Sign Permit Applications:

1. Application# 05-2016-001: Northwind Security Products, LLC – Landscaping equipment storage, Tax Map 226 Lot 020
2. Application# 05-2016-002: Northwind Security Products, LLC – Prospective tenant; Pawsitive Kinection Training Center, Tax Map 223 Lot 026

1. Chair Hanson noted that there was a consultative review about this last month and we have an application now. The property owner Drew Edmunds is in attendance at the meeting and is the applicant on this application. Hanson asked if we know how steep this driveway is. Edmunds replied that while he did not know the exact grade of the driveway, the Grantham Fire Chief has been to see

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the piece of land in question and has “ok’d” the decision. Hanson added that it also does not connect with a public way. McCarthy added that he himself has been by to see this section of the driveway and does not see a problem with it either; Hutchins confirmed with the owner that they (company related individuals) would be the sole users of the drive. Guillette said that because the Fire Chief has visited and approved the slope of the driveway, Guillette sees no problem with approving this for the proposed use.

Chair Hanson entertained a motion to approve the site plan application.

Vice Chair Guillette made a motion to approve the site plan application as presented and McCarthy seconded the motion.

Site Application Unanimously Approved and Accepted

2. The owner of Northwind Security Products LLC is also the application on this next site plan application. Chair Hanson noted that the Planning Board has received confirmation that this application is permitted by the Zoning Board and therefore this site plan application is now eligible for review by the Planning Board. Viles noted that they are currently looking for a space for their dog grooming and training business, Pawsitive Kinection Training Center. Both she and Davis are dog trainers and the space will be solely used for dog training and organic dog grooming. There will be no daycare, no boarding, and no kennels. What they are offering is a nice compliment to the services offered by the veterinarian next door. Guillette raised the questioned regarding why there are currently no set hours for the trainings. Davis noted that grooming would take place during the day and training will be made by appointment (“after work” hours). Guillette asked Viles to confirm that there would not be a lot of noise and Viles confirmed that there would not be any excessive noise on the premises.

Selectman’s Rep Kimball recommended setting official business hours. Davis and Viles noted that 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. will be noted as the official hours of business. Guillette questioned if the pile of loam that is currently on-site would be taken care of and Edmunds confirmed that this would be used to maintain the grounds and is part of ongoing work being completed. Hutchins asked what holistic grooming means and Davis replied that there are no chemicals or restraints used in their business. Hanson noted that an approval of this site application would be conditional upon the adherence to the official hours discussed and set forth at this meeting.

Chair Hanson announced that he would entertain a motion to approve this site plan application.

McCarthy moved to approve the site application as submitted with the noted condition.

Hutchins seconded this motion.

Site Plan Application Unanimously Approved and Accepted

Old Business

None

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Other:

Vice Chair Guillette noted that with regard to the Grantham Master Plan 2016 Update that was presented and discussed at the May meeting, he appreciated being able to read both the summary of the plan in the meeting minutes as well as looking through the plan document itself (the GMP 2016 Update was provided electronically to Board members following the May 2016 meeting). Hutchins asked if he had any questions or comments regarding the 2016 update. Guillette noted that as a member of the Regional Planning Committee, he appreciated the public's response to the survey because of how well this helps the RPC plan for the future. Guillette added that the next CIP the Committee completes will give them a good set of information with which to work. The final version of the 2016 Grantham Master Plan will likely be available this summer.

Kimball noted that there is an upcoming event that may be of interest to the Board members. On May 17th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. there will be a solar conference taking place in Lebanon for municipalities. The workshop is free and you can register online. Guillette noted that he plans to attend.

Adjournment:

Chair Hanson announced that he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was offered by Vice Chair Guillette and seconded by McCarthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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The deadline for the next Planning Board meeting is May 12, 2016.

The next Planning Board meeting will take place on June 2, 2016 in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room of the Grantham Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikki Arsenault
Planning Board Clerk