

DRAFT MINUTES

Town of Tyringham

Planning Board Meeting

7:00 PM December 4, 2019

Town Hall, Tyringham, MA 01264

In Attendance: Mark Curtin, Ellen Slater Gonnello, Rebecca Honig, and Pete Salinetti.

Public in attendance: Nicholas Felix

ANRs, Courtesy Notices, Mail:

Reviewed mail which included Town of Tyringham Dog Leash bylaw proposed for the May 2020 Annual Town Meeting

New Business:

Mark let the board know that Bill Bean offered help with the Town Plan. He is a Strategic Planner and would like to share his expertise.

Old Business:

Reviewed meeting minutes from 11/20/19. A motion was made & approved to change the following sentences to include the phrase "without prejudice."

"...requesting to withdraw his application for the special permit without prejudice..." and "...made a motion to accept the withdrawal without prejudice..."

Nicholas Felix spoke to the board about his decision to withdraw his Special Permit application without prejudice. He heard the feedback at the public hearing and started to rethink the details of his application. He would like to present a more defined plan including the below topics.

- The decision for his company to be Inc., LLC, Corp, etc.
- Liability Insurance
- Sanitation
- Type/style of event
- Size of event (# of people)
- Number of events
- Nights per week vs. # of attendants per week restrictions. Limiting events will mean he needs to hold larger events. Less restrictions on the number of events would mean he could hold some smaller and some larger events.
- Property setbacks - he has hired a surveyor to create a plot plan.
- Nicholas estimates that if events had 70-80 people, he would need to hold 15 events per year. He estimates that expenses would be around \$65,000.

- Time of year: June to mid-October (which is 18 weekends).
- House vs. Temporary structure outside (tent). The new application will include the House because he would like to use it for music and dancing.
- Parking would be through the stone pillars, down to the right or up to the left.
- Giving back to the town - Nicholas would like to see community events restored and would like to be involved. He mentioned the Town Picnic, Steak Roast, and Haunted Hayride.

Other things that Nicholas shared with the board:

- Nicholas had Larry Gould, Building Inspector, at the property for a walk-through and plans to continue working with Larry. He learned that if an event is in a walled tent, he will need exit signs. Also, if an event is in the house, the number of people allowed is based on square footage.
- He plans to re-apply within the next month or so.

Several board members expressed how important it will be to continue keeping an open mind while listening to information from both sides: application & those opposed to the application.

Adjourning: 8:40 PM

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Slater Gonnello

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