

Planning Board Members Present: Albert Hislop, Gail Klanchesser, Denis Hebert, John Frink, Peggy Lamson, Vincent Frank, and Cos Iocovozzi

Also Present: Town Planner Tom Morgan, Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf, Dennis Moulton, Mike Faulkingham, Frank Swanson, Tim Doyle, David Eckman, Nancy Zeimetz, and Tom Bobotas.

Commencement: Chairman Hislop opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

VIP Auto: Dennis Moulton of Ames MSC presented proposal to convert the Happy Wheels skating rink into a VIP Auto store. Moulton reported a meeting with Henry Hyder, and that Mr. Hyder was agreeable to a driveway to the Star Center property. Moulton has a call into Texas Roadhouse regarding a possible pedestrian walkway to their property. Moulton reported that Alan Garland of NH DOT requested a traffic study.

Frank Swanson of VIP submitted architectural elevations and floor plans. Morgan suggested handing the floor plans to the Fire Chief who was seated a few feet away. Swanson reported that his proposed tire storage facility will not increase the mosquito population.

The Fire Chief discussed the sprinkler requirements with VIP representatives. Moulton requested a public hearing. The Fire Chief rejected the floor plans because they weren't stamped. Much discussion ensued as to whether a public hearing in April would be appropriate. Morgan suggested a refresher course for the board regarding RSA 676:4 which governs Planning Board procedures.

Hebert moved to place VIP on the April 9 agenda under Preliminary Discussions. Lamson seconded. All in favor.

McDonalds' Electronic Sign: Tim Doyle of McDonalds presented the proposal. He asserted that it will not blink, and the message will change no more than once per day. The sign will be 2 feet by 9 feet. It will only be visible to motorists who are stopped at the traffic signals. Hebert moved that the Planning Board has no objection with the stipulation that the sign will not scroll or blink. Frank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Haberski Hotel: David Eckman presented the proposal for a 64-room hotel behind the Exxon station. The plans show 69 parking spaces, and space for nine additional spaces. The applicant will meet with the NH DOT Turnpike Division on Thursday.

Hebert questioned plans to dump storm water onto the Thermo property. He also questioned whether the permeable pavement will actually work as advertised. Frink asked if there is any dirty dirt on the site. Hebert added that there is no loop around the building, and that the Fire trucks can not get around the building.

Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf asserted that the architectural prints are misleading because they depict a 3-story building. Chief Greenleaf stated that the site plan allows him to access only one side of the hotel, that the proposed water mains are too small, that one of the depicted fire hydrants actually belongs to Thermo Fischer, that the grade level parking beneath the hotel would require wet and dry sprinkler systems, that a loop system would be required, and that the ladder truck can not get behind the building. He reiterated that the plans are very misleading.

Hebert inquired about mitigation for the proposed wetland fill.

Zeimetz acknowledged that the plans depict a Comfort Suites Hotel, not Wingate.

Morgan asked the Fire Chief if his ladders are long enough to reach the fourth floor. Greenleaf replied no.

Eckman will ask his client to bring a professional architect onboard.

Frink moved to continue this application to April 9 under Preliminary Discussions. Frank seconded. All in favor.

Estate of Barbara Baird: Morgan reported that the applicant is gathering the information requested at the last meeting.

Minutes of February 26: Lamson moved to adopt the minutes. Frank seconded. Pare suggested that on page 2, "that" should read "tidal." All concurred. Hislop called for a vote. All in favor.

GIS Data Request from Proxix Solutions: Morgan suggested that a policy is needed in order to guide staff in responding to requests such as this one. After much discussion, the board directed Morgan to find out more about Proxix Solutions.

The March 26 work session was postponed to April 23.

Tom Bobotas of Dumpling Cove expressed an interest in being on the Planning Board.

Adjournment: Iocovozzi moved to adjourn. All thanked Sandy and John for their long service to the board. Morgan was instructed to retain the services of a temp agency for the next meeting's minutes. He was further directed to place an ad in the Herald and Fosters in order to replace Pearl who resigned on March 11. Hebert and Klanchesser volunteered to join Morgan on the hiring committee. Hebert seconded the motion to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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