

Stockbridge Planning Commission Minutes

September 19, 2018

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Commissioners present: Jon Benson, Louis Chap, Bill Edgerton, Joanne Mills, Todd Trzaskos, David Walls.

Members of the public present: Jimmy Edgerton, Alice Walls

Others present: Lee Ann Isaacson, Zoning Administrator and Selectboard member

Meeting called to order: 7:04 p.m.

Review of Agenda: No Changes.

Review of September 11 , 2018 Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved with three amendments to correct terminology.

Citizen Speak: Alice Walls shared her perspective on the September 18th Public Hearing, indicating she felt the Commission along with Lee Ann’s contributions, did a good job presenting and responding to citizen concerns.

Old Business:

The Commission reviewed feedback received during the Public Hearing, facilitated by a summary constructed by Bill Edgerton. Based upon that feedback and lengthy discourse the following amendments to the Zoning Bylaws were voted in by the Commission:

Section 3.6 Rural Residential District, page 16

C. 18: Deletion of the word “non” so that the amended sentence reads:

“Other similar uses of a [non-] commercial nature upon determination by the ZBA that such use is of the same general character as those permitted and will not be detrimental to the other uses within the District as well as adjoining Uses.”

Section 4.8 Temporary Structures, page 29

Amend the heading to read: “Temporary Structures--Permit Required”

Section 4.9 Obnoxious Uses, page 29

Amend text by adding the words “illumination” so that the amended sentence reads:

“No land or structure shall be used or occupied in any manner so as to create obnoxious or excessive noise, illumination, smoke, dust, odors, or other forms of interference not characteristic or or typical of rural living or adversely affect the reasonable use of surrounding areas or abutting properties.”

Section 4.10 Signs - Permit Required, page 29 and 30

“The following general requirements shall apply to all signs:

d) Amend text to read: “Internally lit signs not to exceed six square feet.

New e) Amend text to read: [Internally lit,] Flashing or moving signs, lights or similar displays are prohibited.”

New f) Amend text to read: No [externally] lighted sign shall have the effect of being such a high intensity or glare as to impair the vision of the driver of a motor vehicle.”

New g) Include as separate item: “Permissible lighted signs shall be lit only during the hours that the related establishment is open for business.”

New h) Amend text to read: “Large, portable or additional signs placed in or on unregistered [movable] vehicles are prohibited.”

Section 4.18 Outdoor Displays, page 32

Amend the heading to read: “Outdoor Displays - Retail”

Amend text so as to read: “Outdoor displays of goods for sale are allowed so long as [shall be prohibited, except for] the displays are [immediately] in the immediate proximity [front] of the retail establishment. Items shall not obstruct public rights of way, sidewalks, or parking areas.”

The Commission voted to accept the Bylaws with the proposed amendments (motion by Commissioner Chap, second by Commissioner Benson).

New Business:

Chairman Edgerton suggested the Commission not meet in October, but make an effort to attend the Public Hearing on the Zoning Bylaws held by the Selectboard.

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 13th, 2018

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Faithfully Submitted,
David Walls, Scribe