Baldwin Planning Board Minutes 12/8/16

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Jo Pierce, Norman Blake, Fred Miner, David Strock (CEO also in attendance)

Opening Comments:

Norm indicated that he no longer wants to handle the publication duties, which are traditionally the Secretary's role. He also indicated that he felt that we needed to do a better job on the customer service front in getting approved CUPs to applicants. David indicated that he did not intend to run for the Secretary position in the next election process.

Item One: Efron, Scott

Norm stated that he saw on Facebook that there are two building current on the site. The CEO indicated that Mr. Efron had purchased a bathroom facility and a "model" cabin and brought them on the site, but they had not been located on the property. The CEO was unaware that they had been placed on the site on a permanent basis and agreed to look into the situation..

Item Two: Section 4.2(b) – Change for Future

Norm would like to increase the amount of \$5,000 to a higher number. Norm thought that the number came from 1970's. Based on a governmental calculator for inflation showed that the present value of the number is now \$22,500.

First, Norm wanted to increase the number \$25,000. He also wanted to include the following sentence in the Ordinance: "The imputed value of the owner's labor shall not be included in the cost evaluation."

We had a straw vote and the Board indicated that they all thought it was a good idea.

Item Three: "Structures"

The Board discussed what is a "structure" and what is a "building." We discussed the fact that it may be a good idea to exempt very small "structures," such as a dog house or small shed. The Board discussed whether it makes sense to exempt a 100 square foot structure, but keep them under the setback requirements.

The general consensus that is would make sense to exempt this size.

A couple of issues were discussed, such as what if the dog house or small shed has electricity?

Item Four: Medical Marijuana

Norm and Jo independently worked on proposed changes prior to the meeting. There was a general discussion of this ordinance and the potential changes to it for Baldwin's purposes.

Norm stated that the issue should go to public hearing. Norm agreed to prepare a draft with the proposed change to the Cornish ordinance and would present a final form based on our discussion.

Item Five: Recreational Marijuana

Norm discussed the issue of recreational marijuana. He wanted to discuss a draft form. The Board agreed to begin thinking about this issue and how it may impact Baldwin.

End of Meeting 8:50