BALDWIN PLANNING BOARD MINUTES 5/14/15

Attendance: Norm Blake, Fred Miner, Jo Pierce, Glenn Reynolds and David Strock (late) Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Motion made to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, unanimously approved.

First Discussion Item:

Pranaya Tuladhar, the owner of the Whistle Stop, appeared before the Board to discuss expanding the Whistle Stop approximately 2,000 to 3,000 square feet (about double current size). Mr. Tuladhar is exploring the idea of having a BBQ/beer garden area with a kids' park next to the building. The idea may include seasonal ice cream sales and artisan's carts for local folks to sell wares. The Board and members of the public had a general discussion about the pros and cons of the concept. Mr. Tuladhar explained that he was exploring the idea, but had not made any decisions about the project.

Second Discussion Item:

Tony Wood appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Wood's Pellet Mill project. Mr. Wood stated that they are waiting on the final site review approval from the State of Maine. Mr. Wood stated that the DEP had different sound requirements than they originally anticipated. The DEP's standard was 55 dbs during the day at the property line and 45 dbs during nighttime at the point receptor. These standards differ from the CUP approved by the Board. Mr. Wood provided diagrams, which he stated was not exactly to scale, which showed the projected db level around the mill. Copies are attached.

Mr. Wood stated that they are working on ideas about the most effective way to comply with DEPs noise standards, including possibly seeking an easement from the owners of the adjacent properties that could be impacted. These properties would include the Town and MSAD 55. There was a general discussion of the potential issues surrounding such an easement and how it could impact the standards contained in the CUP.

Mr. Wood stated that he would return to the Board when he had more information on this subject.

Third Discussion Item:

The Board discussed the election of officers. The Board unanimously voted to retain the same officers: Chairperson – Norm Blake, Secretary – David Strock, and Vice-Chair – Josiah Pierce.

Having no further business before it, the Board unanimously adjourned.



