

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

5/12/22

Attendance: Matt Fricker (Attending Chairman standing in for Jo Pierce), Don Sharp, Glen Reynolds (Alternate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Matt Fricker.

Gulstrom CUP:

The first order of business was the review of the application for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Joel Gulstrom for his office for a financial services business to be located on his lot, Map 6, Lot 13.

Joel was in attendance at the meeting.

There was a discussion about satisfying the requirement for providing adequate parking. Joel indicated that there is a single parking space that will be used 90 percent of the time. This was followed by a discussion about the sign for the business that Joel has already erected at the corner of Route 113 and Route 5/117. The sign has 2 panels each measuring 4' x 8'. The sign advertises Joel's business. It has company name, his picture, and P.O. Box address.

Glen said that the Town limits the size of a sign to 20 square feet.

Don asked if the existing sign was in the State ROW. Joel said that the sign was more than 20 feet from the edge of pavement and the State that the sign was a local matter.

Joel said that he had done his due diligence and could not find any Town Ordinance that limits the size of a sign to 20 square feet and that he met three times with the CEO to review the CUP application before it was submitted.

Glen responded that the PB has set a precedence by limiting the size of a sign to 20 sf as a standard condition in CUPs.

Joel responded by saying that there are other signs along Route 113 that exceed 20 sf.

Matt said that the applicant needed to consider limiting the size of the sign to 20 sf. and possibly putting the sign on both sides.

This was followed by a discussion about scheduling a site walk. Matt made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting so that the PB can further assess the

issues regarding the sign. This was seconded by Don and was unanimously approved by the PB members present.

Murch Gravel Pit:

Next, the PB reviewed the additional information that the PB had requested and found that the Murch application for a CUP to operate a gravel pit on their property was complete.

Don made a motion that a site walk be scheduled for 6/4/22 at 10:00 am and public hearing at PB meeting on 6/9/22.

CEO Update:

Wes has been in contact Farrington and advised him that he needs to submit an application for a CUP for forest product/processing.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm