

# Baldwin Planning Board Meeting

## Minutes

### October 26, 2023

Jo called the meeting at 7:00 pm

- Planning Board members in attendance: Jo Pierce, Victoria Abramowska, Mike Ustin, Don Sharp, Tracy Grisez
- Also in attendance: Don Kent and Bob Flint

Mike made a motion that the minutes from the 10/12/2023 Planning Board meeting. Minutes for eeee10/12/2023 Planning Board meeting were unanimously approved,

There was no Old Business or New Business on the agenda.

Seth Russell asked if he could speak to the Board about the Carlisle / Winters application for a CUP for a cannabis dispensary. Seth said that he wanted to give the Board the documents that the Board had requested. Jo Pierce said that the pending application was still incomplete and was advised by the Town Attorney, David Lourie, not to accept any additional documents until after the Town moratorium on cannabis is held later this month. Seth said that he had sent a letter to the Town Attorney today explaining that in ordinance there is an exception in Title 1-02 that should allow the application to proceed. Seth argued that there already have been two meetings with the Planning Board to discuss the project and the application is pending. Jo said that he is not an attorney and cannot make an opinion on a legal issue and must act on the advice of the Town Attorney. Seth said, hopefully the attorney will review the letter and they can be back in two weeks. Jo recommended that they wait until after the moratorium. Jo said that there will be no vote taken at the moratorium, and the purpose of the moratorium is to have an open discussion about what changes need to be made to the Town Ordinances. Seth said it is important for his client to obtain the single license that is available. He has all the documents that the Board has asked for and has even talked to the church about the project. He said that the church has no objection to the project.

Carol, a neighbor who lives across the street from the project site has major objections to having a cannabis dispensary across the street from her house. She said that there was a letter

that went out but did not get a copy of the letter. She only found out about the project by word of mouth. Jo said that tonight was not the time to discuss the project and recommended Carol attend the moratorium.

#### CEO REPORT

Don Kent said that there are a couple of minutes of recent Planning Board meetings that have not been uploaded to the Town website. Victoria said all the approved minutes are now uploaded to the Town website.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 7:36 pm