

Planning Commission Meeting  
August 22, 2017

Call to order

The meeting came to order shortly after 7 pm. Present were commissioners Chris Williams (Chair), Mike Cichanowski, and Mike Foley. Zoning administrator Shelly Stiles was also present.

Other business

Mr. Williams described a visit he and the ZA had made to the Iron Kettle Motel on 8/17/17. Nineteen units, five empty, seven rented to Dailey employees, the remainder to the general public. It is no longer run as a motel. It is filling a need in the rental market. ] There is evidence the facility is in compliance with all relevant codes. Mr. Brian Lent of Daileys said he'd been told that if he applied for a local change of use permit he'd be required to go through Act 250. He and the ZA will gather more information. In discussion, it was noted that the facility appears to be more like a dorm or hostel than multi-family housing. (The units lack a kitchen.) ZA Stiles wondered whether having a microwave and refrigerator constitutes "full housekeeping facilities" as required by the bylaw.

Minutes

Mr. Foley moved to approved the August 8, 2017 minutes. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

Commercial development

Mr. Cichanowski will look into how the Putney Store was financed. He wondered whether the Shaftsbury community would pull together as the Putney community apparently did.

Barnet and Hancock have stores that might be worth researching.

Mr. Williams will look into the W. Townsend store.

Mr. Foley said he stopped by Eagle Square, visited with the owner, learned that the Historical Society would shortly be moving its belongings out of that space, and learned that the owner considered it condemnable. Mr. Race of the Historical Society considers it fixable. He will be visiting the structure in the near future.

Mr. Williams said his goal was to compile all the information they'd hoped to gather by the next meeting, so they could begin to write their report to the Select Board.

Energy Plan

Mr. Williams suggested they wait on further discussion until Jim Sullivan of BCRC can be present.

Adjournment

Mr. Foley moved to adjourn and 8:15 pm. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

The next meeting will be held September 12, 1027.

Notes by ZA Stiles