



Hudson Planning Board

Town Hall

Hudson, Massachusetts 01749

Minutes of Meeting – January 5, 2021

The Hudson Planning Board met virtually on a Zoom platform pursuant to the Remote Participation statute consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

At 7:05 PM, Mr. D'Amelio, Chair called the meeting to order.

Present: Bob D'Amelio, David Daigneault; Rodney Frias; Dirk Underwood; Daryl Filippi

Staff: Kristina Johnson, Acting Director of Planning and Community Development

Mr. D'Amelio stated the following: ***This Open Meeting of Hudson Planning Board is being conducted remotely, consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."***

Appointment- Native Sun Wellness

Chairman D'Amelio welcomed representatives from Native Sun Wellness and asked that they introduce themselves. Charlie Yon and Michael Drayer introduced themselves and provided an overview of the recent opening of the dispensary. Both also expressed their commitment to working collaboratively with the Planning Board and the Town to address the identified safety issues at the site parking lot.

Ms. Johnson provided an overview of the two safety issues on site: the unsecured area of the site immediately straight ahead of the entrance driveway, and the unsecured area of the sidewalk running perpendicular to the first four striped parking spaces. All members of the Board expressed concerns that there is no protection for vehicles that enter the site and could potentially swerve out of control or slip on an icy roadway, and that there is no protection for the pedestrian fall zone along the sidewalk by the parking spaces. Ms. Johnson screen shared a picture of landscaped barrels that Mr. Drayer suggested could be installed as a visual deterrent for vehicles entering the site.

Chairman D'Amelio and Mr. Filippi stated that the landscaped barrels would need to be properly engineered to withstand any vehicle impact, and further, Mr. Filippi expressed his opinion that the lack of protection of the pedestrian fall zone could be out of compliance with the Massachusetts Building Code. The extension of the existing black chain link fence was discussed as option to address the lack of protection of the pedestrian fall zone. Chairman D'Amelio concurred and stated that anything new installed on the site would need to be reviewed by the Building Commissioner and the Planning Board's peer review consultant.



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Mr. Drayer and Mr. Yon stated that any new fencing would require significant engineering on their part and could take some time, and inquired if interim measures would be acceptable. Chairman D'Amelio said that would be acceptable and recommended that they be reviewed by the Building Commissioner and the Planning Board's peer review consultant, and encouraged Native Sun to work to develop a permanent solution.

Mr. Drayer and Mr. Yon agreed wholeheartedly to work collaboratively with the Planning Board to implement the appropriate solutions.

Minutes- November 17 2020

Chairman D'Amelio moved to approve the November 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Daigneault. **By roll call vote: Mr. Daigneault, yes; Mr. Underwood, yes; Mr. Frias, yes; Mr. D'Amelio, yes; Mr. Filippi, yes. 5-0-0**

Adjournment

Chairman D'Amelio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Mr. Frias. **By roll call vote: Mr. Daigneault, yes; Mr. Underwood, yes; Mr. Frias, yes; Mr. D'Amelio, yes; Mr. Filippi, yes. 5-0-0**

Cc: Town Clerk