WINTHROP PLANNING BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019 7 PM

Winthrop Town Office (Small Conference Room)
17 Highland Avenue

7:03 Call to Order

Present: Jim King, David Lee, Gary Dawbin, Lou-Anne Parker, Rick O'Brien, Ed Vigneault, Conrad Gilman, Justin Poirier, Don Mattice, Mark Arsenault – CEO

Public, per sign-in sheet: Linda Easterbrooks, Robert Easterbrooks

Case #542 – Linda Easterbrooks – Request a conditional use permit for earth moving of more than 25 cubic yards for a new residence in the Public Water Zone at 516 Stanley Road (Town Map 9 Lot 39).

Rick – do I understand that this is only partially in the Public Water Zone? Mark – after carefully measuring, I believe part will be in the zone. The original house burned down and the contractor is moving the location slightly.

Rick – why did the contractor say it couldn't be built on the original spot? Linda – the foundation was damaged by the fire and it was over a 100 years old.

Rick – are we concerned about erosion control? Mark it's far enough away plus the contractor is reliable.

Lou-Anne – there's no flooding from the stream is there? Linda – it's far enough away and below the level of the house.

Ed – there will be a new septic located behind the house so that will be in the Public Water Zone? Linda – yes, that was selected as the best spot.

Justin – I move to approve Case #542 – Linda Easterbrooks – request for a conditional use permit for earth moving of more than 25 cubic yards for a new residence in the Public Water Zone at 516 Stanley Road (Town Map 9 Lot 39) as presented.

Ed seconded. Passed 7-0.

Approval of any Minutes

June 26, 2019 minutes. Lou-Anne moves acceptance with fixes, Justin seconds. Approved 7-0.

Other Business

Marijuana Ordinance Discussion

David – I made a few changes to the proposed ordinance and have a copy for each of you. I received a few comments and would like to review those with you.

Rick – I had a conversation with a partner of mine who does a lot of municipal law work. He asked: are you referencing or incorporating any of the new state regulations? If so, you may be acting prematurely.

Mark – I believe there is a Maine Municipal Association conference coming up August 21 in Saco. I'll get more information.

David – we may wish to implement an ordinance to cover medical marijuana in the short-term as many operators may convert to adult-use when possible to do so. Catherine is running a retail store now? Mark – yes, CBD based products derived from hemp.

Justin – since the term marijuana business applies to both medical and adult-use, I'm confused by the provisions that exclude medical registries.

Ed – we can't prohibit cultivation of medical marijuana but we can regulate it.

NB – the discussion continued for another 45 minutes or so. It was agreed to: individually review state adopted rules, consider attending the Maine Municipal Association sponsored marijuana update in Saco on August 21, revisit at our next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by David Lee