

THE BOROUGH OF BANTAM
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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INCORPORATED 1915

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FOR BANTAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, February 1, 2022

In attendance: Chairman John Langer, Commissioners: Carol Powers, Adam Yarrish.
Public: Kim Griffen, Dick Sheldon (arrived @ 7.47pm)
Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm by John Langer.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- A. Adam Yarrish made a motion to accept the regular minutes as presented and then Carol Powers seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. ZONING PERMITS:

- a. Permit #717: Temporary permit issued until April 15, 2022 for Bantam Wesson concerning Bantam Market (#793 Bantam Road) for propane tank work (cold temp issue with vaporizing requires a temporary additional tank – to be replaced with a new single tank in the spring).
- b. Permit # 708: Issued on 1.21.2022. John Langer issued a Certificate of Compliance for Wendy Wescott of #1210 Bantam Road.

3. PUBLIC PERMITS: none

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Dick Sheldon commented that he came regarding the propane tank issue and sees that it has been addressed.
- b. Kim Griffen commented that the borough is going to look into writing a grant for an electronic sign so that current info can be shared in a timely manner.

5. OLD BUSINESS ISSUES: none

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Airbnb Regulation: to be continued to next month as John Langer waits for further information.
- B. Legalization of recreational marijuana and potential impact on borough zoning: to be continued to next month as John Langer waits for further information.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. WRITTEN FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE: none

B. CONVERSATIONAL NOTES WITH PEOPLE:

- a. John Langer had additional inquiries regarding interest in purchase of #940 Bantam Rd., but pollution concerns continue to deter any potential sale. Dick Sheldon shared that he has had several people express interest in the property, as well. Dick Sheldon spoke with the owner of the property (Weston Thorn) and the realtor ((John Gould). He remarked that the more recent Phase 2 environmental study does not show extreme pollution and is hoping that the state legislature can make it easier for people to purchase properties like this and use it to enhance the community.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

- a. Commissioners discussed the growing need for more borough residents to volunteer to serve on various commissions/borough. Carol Powers asked Dick Sheldon for a list of borough residents/addresses to send out requests for volunteers via a mailer.
- b. John Langer asked Carol powers for a copy of the new schedule of fees for the regulations book.
- c. Reminder: Election of officers at March meeting.
- d. Adam Yarrish and Carol Powers asked for training sessions from John Langer over the next several months after each monthly meeting. John Langer agreed that was a good idea and reinforced that it is important to follow the regulations and to protect our residential areas.

9. PENDING ISSUES: none

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH COMES BEFORE THE COMMISSION REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS VOTE TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

11. ADJOURNMENT: John Langer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Yarrish moved to adjourn this meeting, which was seconded by Carol Powers. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8.38 pm, February 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim MacDonald
February 7, 2022

