

THE BOROUGH OF BANTAM
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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INCORPORATED 1915

DRAFT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FOR BANTAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, July 5, 2022

In attendance: Chairman John Langer, Commissioners: Lex Sidon, Adam Yarrish.
Public: Richard Sheldon
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
Lex Sidon seconded the motion.
All were in favor and the motion passed.
- B. Lex Sidon will be a voting commissioner tonight due to Carol Powers' absence.

2. ZONING PERMITS: none

3. PUBLIC PERMITS: none

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Dick Sheldon came in to report on possible future opportunities to improve Alain White Field. (Alain White Field belongs to the Bantam Civic Association, which was sold to them years ago at the price of \$1.00, specifically for community use.) The Borough is interested in procuring some grant money (ARP: American Rescue Plan) to make needed improvements to the pavilion and the grounds so that more community use can be generated and enjoyed. One of the new ideas is for a Farmer's Market at the field eventually. Dick spoke with Dennis Tobin (Land Use Administrator, Litchfield) and no regulations were found, but there is a way that Litchfield Planning and Zoning can issue a permit if the Borough is involved, so he will continue looking into that. In the meantime, they would like to test out a smaller version of a Farmer's Market at the Borough Hall property to see if interest can be generated (preferably on a Thursday/Friday schedule for the months of August, September and October). They are most interested in having dependable farmers and would like to see it be affordable for both vendors and clientele. Insurance is covered under the Town of Litchfield policy and the Torrington Board of Health said each vendor is responsible for following health regulations. There may be a way for Social Services to be involved, as well. Commissioners discussed the idea at length and urged Dick Sheldon to pilot it. He will keep commissioners updated.

5. OLD BUSINESS ISSUES:

- A. Airbnb Regulation: to be continued next month
- B. Legalization of recreational marijuana and potential impact on zoning: John Langer reviewed Marty Connor's statement from March 22, 2022 for Dick Sheldon. Commissioner discussion will continue next month.
- C. FEMA revised ordinance for new buildings in flood plains: to be continued next month

6. NEW BUSINESS: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. WRITTEN FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE: none

B. CONVERSATIONAL NOTES WITH PEOPLE:

- 1. John Langer had an additional phone call from someone with interest in #940 Bantam Road.
- 2. John Langer had a phone call from a realtor regarding the Patterson Oil property in the center of Bantam. A potential buyer is interested in using the property for two apartments and retail space in front. John explained the proposal presentation process/ paperwork needed to bring a proposal forward to the zoning and planning commission.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION: none

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 Lex Sidon. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8.04 pm, July 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim MacDonald
July 8, 2022

