

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held in Town Hall

Monday – October 2, 2017

Attending: Selectmen Leo Enos, David Stickney and Leon Rideout.

Planning/Zoning Coordinator Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson.

Others attending: Peter Rizzo, Don Williams, Murray Vashaw, Linda Upham-Bornstein, Peter Powell and Bill McCarten.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Leo Enos followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Enos called the Public Hearing open at 6:37 P.M.

Peter Rizzo came to the Board for to request Property Tax Relief under the Town's newly created 79E program. Mr. Rizzo explained he purchased the former CMW Emporium building and is currently renovating it into a gym/exercise facility with apartments on the second floor. The original plan was to have 3 apartments but he received a request to rent one of the spaces for a commercial business so it will not initially be utilized as a residential unit but be set up for it. He stated that he is being sensitive to the historic character of the building as he renovates it.

Linda Upham-Bornstein stated she is following the Secretary of Interior's standards for historic preservation and explained the exterior paint came from the Benjamin Moore Heritage Collection. She explained the buildings history as a qualifying structure by telling the Board it housed the Grand Army of the Republic for several years after the Civil War.

It was asked if anyone from the public wished to speak to the request. Peter Powell stated that he was impressed with the work Mr. Rizzo is putting into the building, not only for himself but for the benefit of the town as well.

Mr. Gaetjens-Oleson stated that it would be up the Board to approve or deny the request for tax relief requested by Mr. Rizzo.

A motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by David Stickney to grant tax relief for 5 years under RSA 79E based on Substantial Rehabilitation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by David Stickney to grant tax relief for 2 years under RSA 79E for additional residential units. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

It was asked if the apartments would be considered affordable housing units. Linda Upham-Bornstein stated that they did not at this time anticipate them to be.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leon Rideout to grant tax relief for 2 years under RSA 79E for following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Gaetjens-Oleson explained he would contact the Town Counsel to begin preparation of the covenant.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:48 PM

OLD BUSINESS:

To review and approve the minutes of the September 18th, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by David Stickney to approve the minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Department Head Updates: None

Signing of Various Paperwork:

LUCT –

Lou Perry – Prospect St. - Land taken out of current use.

Eli Vincent – Hodge Rd. - Land taken out of current use.

Alan Savage – Stebbins Hill Rd. – Land taken out of current use.

The Board signed the above paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS: None

INFORMATION:

A building permit – Riverside Campground for bath house for campground.

A sign permit – O'Reilly Auto Parts (former Bond Auto).

Don Williams stated that there was further damage done to his bathroom when the sewer backed up due to the construction. Leon Rideout told Mr. Williams to get an estimate of the cost and bring it to the Board for review.

Mr. Williams asked if during the construction on Summer St. would they also be doing the Water & Sewer for the cemetery. Mr. Gaetjens-Oleson stated that he did not know but to check with Mr. Samson when he returned.

Noting that there was nothing further to come before the meeting a motion was called for to adjourn.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leon Rideout to adjourn. A

vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully,

Sandra E. Doolan – Clerk

Approved:

**Board of Selectmen
Leo Enos – Chairman**

David Stickney

Leon Rideout