

Charlemont Planning Board
May 18th, 2023, 6:00 pm Meeting Minutes
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall

Members Participating: Bob Nelson, Lori Shulda-Merrigan, Andy Mueller, Colleen Champ, Gisela Walker

Others Participating: Marie Hyytinen, Sue Pellerin, Patrick Banks, Philip Banks, Star Atkeson (Secretary) MaryEllen Banks via conference call

Called to Order by Bob Nelson at 6:05 PM

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review/Approve 4-20-2023, 5-02-2023, 5-04-2023 Minutes

Bob Nelson moved to approve all sets of Minutes. Colleen Champ seconded. All in favor.

2. Discuss whether to draft permit at hearing or in separate meeting.

B.Nelson will draft up the Permit at home and run it by other Board members for input.

APPOINTMENTS:

6:15 Public Hearing for Hyytinen Hollow Special Permit renewal (tube rental, river parking, shuttle bus, seasonal signage along the river)

B.Nelson read the Public Hearing Notice for Hyytinen Hollow Special Permit renewal. Bob explained that Covid had created significant issues of various sorts on the river, so permits were given for 2 years. Now things had settled down, and the tubing companies could renew their permits as permanent permits.

Marie said that The Massachusetts Environmental police had come and had given her a permit. Everything is the same. She would have liked to keep the hotdog stand in the permit, as suggested, but later in the hearing decided against it as it was getting complicated.

Last year they didn't put the feather flags out, they will put them out this year. They spoke about signs. There was a "no liquor on the river sign" on the road that got blown away. Marie thinks there should be a high-water standard sign since people don't know.

The Banks would like Marie to remove her signs along the river after the weekend is over. Marie agreed.

The Board spoke to Marie about trash cans. They provide a lot of trash cans. The Banks think the trash cans may invite people to hang out at a section of the river which is good for swimming and then they end up on their property. Marie says that without trash cans it is a litter fest.

The Board went through the conditions in her current permit to revise them for her new permit. They took out the section about the emergency response plan because it hadn't happened yet.

Bob confirmed that any future development plans would require more permitting.

Bob Nelson made a motion to approve the permit for Marie Hyytenin of Hyytenin Hollow for Tube Rentals, parking, a shuttle bus and seasonal signage on the river on Tea Street and 7, 15, and 23 Tea Street Extension, as described in the application and map, and in the conditions of the Special Permit as discussed. Andy Mueller seconded it. All in Favor.

B.Nelson motioned to adjourn the hearing at 7:24. All in Favor.

The Board finalized and printed up The Great Outdoors Special Permit and B.Nelson signed it. The Board spoke about scheduling. LSM won't be available on June 1st or July 6th.

The meeting was closed at 7:50.

NEXT MEETING:

June 15th, 2023

Respectfully Submitted by Star Atkeson 06/12/2023

Documents reviewed in meeting:

Minutes of 4/20, 5/02, 5/04/2023

Agenda for 05/18/2023 Meeting

Hyytenin Hollow Public Hearing announcement

Hyytenin Hollow Special Permit Application

Special Permit Hearing attendance sheet