

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Chairman, Rick Bogar, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Commission member's Ed Sabo, Rick Bogar, Bonnie Crawford, and Steven Boughter. Also, in attendance were Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman, Town Manager Lisa Dooley, Administrative Assistant Jessica Graham, Chris Sheaffer, and Colton. Absent was Michael Mertz, Carey Howell, and John Thomas.

On a motion by B. Crawford and seconded by S. Boughter, and voted on unanimously, the minutes from the June 18, 2020 meeting were approved.

Minor Land Development Plan for Harshida, LLC. – Land Development

Submission Date: – 6/3/2020 Ninety Day Deadline: 9/16/2020

Deadline for Action – Planning Commission by: 8/20/2020 – Council 9/14/2020

Chris Watts from Harshida, LLC. is proposing to expand the back of the Unity Mart building toward the east, with additional improvements of the sidewalk that is in front of the building. This proposal also includes changes to the front face of the already existing structure.

The Commission noted that the Columbia County Planning Commission comments are still outstanding. The discussion was tabled until the August 20, 2020 meeting.

Parking Lot Expansion for Columbia County Prison – Land Development

Submission Date: 7/1/2020 Ninety Day Deadline: 9/29/2020

Deadline for Action – Planning Commission by: 9/17/2020 – Council 9/21/2020

The current land use for this project is an existing residential building, which will be demolished. The use will be parking for the County prison. The stormwater will connect to the exiting conveyance system in place, on site at the County Prison before leaving the site. A landscape buffer strip will be placed on the eastern side of the parking lot along the property line. In total 13 parking stalls will be added for the County prison use.

K. Bauman explained to the Developer that there could potentially be zoning related issues with this parking lot as it is currently considered a stand-alone parking lot without a principal building on the same lot. Recommendation was made to consider a lot incorporation and working with the zoning office to mitigate this concern. Comments from the Columbia County Planning Commission and the Town haven't been received at this time. Discussion will continue at the August 20, 2020 meeting.

New Business

1. On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by S. Boughter, and voted on unanimously, the Commission recommends Council approve the amendments as written to the commercial district parking regulations.
2. The Commission discussed the Food Vendor Ordinance. K Bauman gave some background on the Street Vendor/Food Vendor regulations currently being enforced, and went on to explained the need to consolidate the regulations into one ordinance. K. Bauman requested the Planning Commission review and provide feedback at the next meeting. The Commission will discuss this item again at the August 20, 2020 meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Notes taken by K. Bauman, B. Erlston & L. Dooley