

October 15, 2019

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Sterling Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Roll was called: Frank Bood-present, Dana Morrow-present, Ross Farrugia-present, Victoria Robinson-Lewis-present, Caren Bailey-absent, Alternate Michael Rouillard-present, and Alternate Kim Smith-Barnett-absent.

Alternate Michael Rouillard was seated for C. Bailey.

Staff present-Jamie Rabbitt, Russell Gray, and Patricia Ball.

Also present – Harry Fletcher.

Audience of Citizens: Harry Fletcher, 177 Gibson Hill Road, asked the Commission for clarification on why he is not allowed to live at his property year-round.

Approval of Minutes: R. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by V. Robinson-Lewis to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 9/17/2019 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: J. Rabbit stated he and Chairman F. Bood received a copy of a letter addressed to Russell M. Gray, First Selectman, dated September 25, 2019, from Roger J. Gibson, Jr. on behalf of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council regarding an update on the progress the Council has made since his appointment earlier this year (copy on file).

Unfinished Business:

a. Discussion Regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development: J. Rabbitt stated it is still in progress and a draft should be available soon.

b. Application by Connecticut Valley Hemp Drying & Extraction, LLC (Company Owner: David Levine, MD) to construct a 30' x 96' Temporary Greenhouse for Property Located at 29 Industrial Park Road North (Property Owner: ATMA Investments, LLC – Assessor's Map: 03842/017/IP15): Connecticut Valley Hemp Drying & Extraction, LLC submitted an application at the 9/17/2019 meeting. Per Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), the Commission has sixty-five (65) days from the official date of receipt (10/15/2019) to make a decision; however, the applicant may agree to one (1) or more extensions of time per CGS, except, the total of the extension shall not exceed sixty-five (65) days. D. Levine was not present at tonight's meeting. J. Rabbit stated there has been no contact with this applicant and as noted timing will begin per state statute.

R. Farrugia, made a motion, seconded by D. Morrow, to add to the agenda under New Business discussion regarding 177 Gibson Hill Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Discussion Regarding 177 Gibson Hill Road: Members listened to H. Fletcher describe his property and his personal situation living at 177 Gibson Hill Road. He is no longer living at the property but asked the members why, as he believes his property is livable year-round. Chairman F. Bood explained the property is not currently zoned to allow for year-round residents and the land owner would have to petition the Commission per the stipulations provided by the court. D. Morrow, made a motion, seconded by R. Farrugia to table this agenda item until the next meeting so that Commission members may drive around the property. All voted in favor of the motion.

Audience of Comments: None.

Any Other Business:

a. Commission Workshop – Roles, Responsibilities, Policies and Procedures: No new discussion regarding the Commission roles, responsibilities, policies, and procedures, Chairman F. Bood tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment: V. Robinson-Lewis made a motion, seconded by R. Farrugia, to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Patricia Ball, Recording Secretary

Attest: _____
Dana Morrow, Secretary