

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN  
 PLANNING COMMISSION  
 REGULAR MEETING – October 7, 2009

**Commission Members Present**

MEMBER	X = HERE	MEMBER	X = HERE
Rebecca Audet		Nicholas Michael	X
James Coombs		Bonnie Rosati, Clerk	X
Kevin Durkee	X	George Stannard, Chair	X
Dave Eighmey, Vice Chair	X		

**Others Present:** Phil Adams - Zoning Administrator; Dennis Hillier, Hazel Hillier, Melissa Stanholtzer, Bob VanGuilder, Janet Currie

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm by George Stannard – Chair

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dennis and Hazel Hillier - Resubmission of application A2009-040

Request for approval of change in use from business/professional office use to retail use for the sale of meats and custom meat cutting. Location: southwest corner of Liberty Street and Cottage Street. Tax map number 24-51-74.

The Planning Commission, during their regular meeting of August 19, 2009, approved a change in use from residential storage to business/professional office.

Mr. Hillier came back before the Commission to request that the use be changed to a retail use for the sale of meats and custom meet cutting. No other changes to the previous approval were proposed.

Kevin Durkee moved the Commission to approve the change in use from business/professional office to retail sales. Nick Michael seconded. Motion carried.

A commercial sign application was also presented. The proposed sign would be six feet in length, three feet in width and made of wood with two exterior lights. The sign would read "Vermont Country Cured Meats LLC" with two bones and phone number in the center of the sign. Along the bottom of the sign the wording "Retail Sales - Smoked Meats - Custom Cutting" would appear. Lettering would be in black with a gold background and dark green border. Lighting would be above the sign pointing downward. The sign would be flush mount, bolted to the side of the block building.

Bonnie Rosati moved the Commission to approve the commercial sign as presented. Kevin Durkee seconded. Motion carried. Commissioners present endorsed the sign application.

Melissa Stanholtzer and Bob VanGuilder - Application A2009-052

Request for approval of a change in use from health club (former Curves) to retail use for the application of dermal imagery and the sale of clothing and jewelry. The application includes a request for approval of a commercial sign. Property owner: David Nelson. Location 41 Main Street, tax map number 24-51-63.

Days of operation would be Thursday through Sunday. Hours of operation would be noon to 8 pm. Parking for employee's and some customers would be in back of the business. There would be 1 to 2 employees in the beginning with up to 6 employees.

A letter of concern was submitted before the meeting by Debi Bailey. Ms. Bailey was not present at the meeting.

Janet Currie, representing un-named merchants, requested that the Planning Commission hold making their decision for 24 hours. Ms. Currie stated the merchants she represents were concerned about this retail business. She feels this business would increase the IV drug use in the park and that her research showed that people who get tattoos turn to IV drug use.

The applicants stated they did not have an issue with the Commission delaying their decision on application A2009-052.

Bonnie Rosati moved the Commission to table the application of Melissa Stanholtzer and Bob VanGuilder - Application A2009-052 until the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting. Nick Michael seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Currie was advised that the merchants need to be present at the next meeting to address any concerns they may have.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Dave Eighmey moved the Commission to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2009 regular meeting. Nick Michael seconded. Discussion: page 1 under Zoning Administrators Report, change "Planning Commission" to "Zoning Board of Adjustment". Motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### Review of Mail

Mrs. Rosati reported receipt of notification from ANR of the application for a waste water permit.

Mrs. Rosati reported receipt of a notice of a Storm Water Conference to be held in Boston.

Mrs. Rosati report receipt of a calendar of events/seminars sponsored by VLCT covering the coming year.

##### Public Comment

No public present

Mrs. Rosati moved the Commission to adjourn. Dave Eighmey seconded. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

8:00 pm - Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Rosati