

Town of Portland Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
1/23/2024 6:30 PM

Members Present: Dale Carlson, Mike McIntyre, Harold Smith, Bob Patterson, Dave Travis, CEO- Wendy Spinuzza

Community Members Present: Tammy Thompson, Stewart Thompson, Anne McIntosh and Nicole Casell

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dale Carlson at 6:39pm with the pledge to the flag.

The minutes from the October 24th meeting were approved by the board on a motion made by Harold Smith and 2nd by Bob Patterson. (4/4).

The November and December Code Enforcement Report was accepted on a motion made by Harold Smith and 2nd by Bob Patterson (4/4). A discussion was held regarding the report. Harold Smith inquired about upcoming court dates. CEO Spinuzza stated she goes on Thursday because she was subpoenaed for a home inspection that she completed for the Sheriffs Department.

Under old business, Chairman Carlson stated they are still working on locating the Comprehensive Plan. Harold Smith stated maybe we need to think about completing another study. Bob Patterson stated Don McCord helped put it together.

Board Member Travis arrived and apologized as his previous meeting ran over.

Continuing with new business, Anne McIntosh and Nicole Casell of Alchemy Acres presented a business plan proposal for the property they purchased at 7940 Felton Road. The property is 64 acres consisting of 24 acres of grapes {currently being leased to 21 Brix} and 5 acres of Fresh Cut Flower Farm. They are looking to build an outdoor event space with a concrete pad for a tent, expanding the parking lot, and a camping area for members of a wedding party. With the property zoned as agriculture, Harold Smith and Bob Patterson request they parties come back with a specific site plan including a map with dictation so the board can figure out what category they will fall under for the special use permit/variance. CEO Spinuzza will send them information on Signage via email. The board thank Alchemy Acres for their presentation.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mike McIntyre and 2nd by Bob Patterson at 7:10pm.

Respectfully,
Amber McIntyre
Planning Board Secretary