TOWN OF RAYMOND

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda August 31, 2022 Raymond High School, Room 109, 45 Harriman Hill Rd. 7:30 pm

Public Announcement

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PUBLIC MEETING- SITEWALK- 6 PM @ 68 MOUNTAIN ROAD

1. Call to Order

• Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Hearing-

Application 2022-003 Monica Keiser representing Troy Brown of Mountain Road Trading Post: Applicant wishes to construct a 529 s.f. addition without sprinklers to include a 34.4-foot buffer:

- 1. 2.2.3. EXPANSION LIMITS: Expansion of any use by twenty-five percent (25%) or more is not permitted.
- 8.3.3 As allowed by RSA 674:52-I pursuant to RSA 674:51 and that all commercial (to include multi-family housing) and industrial uses newly constructed shall be fully sprinkler protected in compliance with NFPA 13 (the standard for the installation of sprinkler systems) design criteria.
- 3. 15.2.4. Any commercial or industrial structure which is proposed to be located abutting a residential zone, or in C.2 only, an existing residential use, shall require a minimum setback of fifty feet(50')from property lines, which shall include a twenty foot (20')dense vegetative buffer and a fence to shield the residential zone or in C.2 only, an existing residential use, from light and noise generated by the commercial or industrial structure.Iftheentirefifty-foot(50')bufferisdevelopedandmaintained as dense vegetative buffer, a fence is not required. (03/2002)
 - Property address is 68 Mountain Road, Raymond, Map46/Lot 9, Zone B.

Continued until September 28:

An Application for Appeal of Administrative Decision: per RSA 676:5 has been submitted to the Raymond Zoning Board of Adjustments by Monica Keiser on behalf of Mountain Road Trading Post for decisions made by the Raymond Planning Board on July 7, 2022 for Application 2021-024 Mountain Road Trading Post (Map 46 Lot 9) located at 68 Mountain Road.

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- 3. Approval of Minutes
 - 07/27/2022(previous packet)
 - 08/24/2022
- 4. Other Business
 - > Staff Updates -
 - ➤ Board Member Updates
 - Any other business brought before the board-
- 5. Adjournment of Public Meeting (NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M.)

2022 PUBLIC HEARING DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Public Hearing- 4 th Wednesday)	
Public Hearing Date	Application Deadline
August 24, 2022	July 27, 2022
September 28, 2022	August 24, 2022
October 26, 2022	September 28, 2022
November 16, 2022	October 26, 2022
December 28, 2022	November 16, 2022

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1 Planning Board Minutes See Highlighted section 2 April 21, 2022 Page 9 3 7:00 PM 4 Media Center Raymond High School 5 6 **Planning Board Members Present:** 7 **Brad Reed** 8 Patricia Bridgeo 9 Scott Campbell (Selectmen ex officio) 10 Dee Luszcz **Kevin Woods** 11 12 Jim McLeod (Alternate)(Seated) 13 14 **Planning Board Members Absent**: 15 16 17 **Staff Present:** 18 Glenn Coppelman - Circuit rider Madeleine Dilonno - Circuit Rider Planner, RPC 19 20 Pledge of Allegiance 21 22 The first order of business was the election of officers. 23 24 25 Mr. K. Woods nominated Brad Reed as the Chairman. Mr. Campbell nominated Patricia Bridgeo for Chairman. 26 27 Mr. Reed received 4 votes to be Chairman. Ms. Bridgeo received 1 vote. Mr. Reed was elected to be the Chairman. 28 29 30 Mr. McLeod nominated Patricia Bridgeo to be Vice-Chairman. 31 Ms. Bridgeo received 5 votes to be the Vice-Chairman and was elected. 32 33 Mrs. Luszcz nominated Jim McLeod for Secretary who respectfully declined. 34 Mrs. Luszcz then nominated Kevin Woods who accepted the nomination. The vote was unanimous with 6 votes for Kevin Woods to be Secretary. 35 36 37 38 39 Motion: Ms. Bridgeo made a motion to have Jim McLeod be appointed for one year until 2023. 40

until the next election as a seated member. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 1 abstention, and 0 opposed.

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The first public hearing is for Eversource. Mr. Reed recused himself because Eversource is one of his company's biggest customers.

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Mr. Terry Cooper introduced himself and explained that Eversource specifications call for the removal of brush and limbs which are located within 8 feet to the side 10 feet below or 15 feet above conductors, trees which present a threat to Eversource lines or other equipment because of decay, or another defect will be removed on a case-bycase basis. A list of risk trees identified for removal by Eversource has been included. All trees are marked with a blue and white checkered ribbon. All work will be performed in accordance with accepted Arbor Core standards. Eversource has contracted with Aspen tree experts to perform the actual clearing of trees. Eversource requires that our clearing contractor contact each landowner where trees are to be trimmed or removed prior to the commencement of work on that property. Individual concerns will be addressed at that time. All brush and limbs cut on roadsides. locations will be chipped. In wooded, undeveloped, locations these chips may be dispersed into the woods, taking care not to allow chips to accumulate in piles or ditches. We're also very careful with stone walls. We do not put chips on stone walls, we try to keep them clean. We're very aware that they're also monuments. Near developed land the chips will be blown into the truck and dispersed off site. The chips make good mulch and are often given to nearby property owners for landscaping purposes. If a central dumping location could be arranged with the town Eversource, would You have to make any unclean chip available to the town that don't cost, brush and limbs cut on inaccessible lines will be stacked to the side or the right of way and cut low to the ground. All wood will be left on site unless otherwise directed by the landowner. And again, that's on a case-by-case basis. In addition to this project of tree removal, and the project for trimming, we're also putting new poles up on Long Hill Road. And these two projects overlapped. Luckily, 90% of the trees that I tagged within those poles take care of that construction problem. So, we're killing two birds with one stone by simply removing the dead trees. We're also opening up for the new polls. And we don't have to go back again and re-cut trees. Mr. Cooper further explained that if there's a refusal if someone comes out saying you cannot cut my tree, they do not cut the tree.

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Mr. Cooper responded, "We flush the stumps as low as we can."

Ms. Bridgeo asked if they leave the stumps?

Mrs. Luszcz asked if they have bird nests removed?

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Mr. Cooper: "We're very careful of that. We try to be very careful with the nest if it's something we could relocate. You know if it's a situation where you like you have a Pileated Woodpecker, or something protected or something like that. We tried to deal either through the town or through the local government. We do work with the local towns when we run into that we will make some phone calls. Normally goes first to the road agent then he usually knows who's in the area to call about things like that."

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Mrs. Luszcz requested that the list of names is readily available to the crew. So, they have an immediate local person that can tend to any wildlife.

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91 Mr. Cooper said that Bob Berner would need to be emailed and he would filter it down to 92 him. He will give it to whatever contractors need to be notified.

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94 Ms. Bridgeo said "We would like Bob Berner to supply a list and to come to the tree? To 95 have them have a rehab and relocate if any birds are found in and offspring need to be 96 removed and relocated?

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Public Comment:

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Ms. Gott, speaking as a member of the public. "I had the same question about the too close. Have the landowners where these trees are located? Have they been notified, especially the ones that are not clearly dead? For too close? But also, for any of them, have landowners been notified?"

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105 Mr. Cooper: "Not officially. I don't officially notify them until the board gives me the okay."

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Ms. Gott also asked if the old poles would be coming down as part of this process?

- Mr. Cooper responded: "I just deal with the tree removals on that. I don't I don't deal with the technical end of it."
- 111 Motion:
- 112 Mr. Woods made a motion to grant written permission to Eversource Energy under RSA
- 251:158 paragraph 2 entitled Effective Designation on Scenic Roads to trim trees and
- brush for Eversource specifications as presented by Robert Berner, Eastern Region

Arborist for Eversource, on Long Hill Road. Eversource shall coordinate with the 115 Raymond police department regarding traffic safety. Also, Eversource shall consult with 116 abutting residents, as necessary. Condition of approval is that Eversource will haul 117 118 wood chips away and not leave them on the side of the road and add the condition of approval that Robert Berner supplies a list to the actual company that will do the tree 119 120 cutting and they will have the appropriate rehabbers. If any wildlife is found within the trees, they are removing they will contact and have them relocated. Mrs. Luszcz 121 122 seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 123 abstentions.

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Application # 2021-024: A SITE PLAN application to include waivers is being submitted by Joseph Coronati of Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc. on behalf of Troy Brown of Loon Lake LLC. They are proposing to add a 1,408 S.F. addition to the back of the Trading Post building. The addition will primarily be used as cold storage/ warehouse space (879 S.F.) with 529 S.F. being a heated space. The heated space proposed will consist of workshop areas, an office, a breakroom for employees, a public restroom, and a utility room. Property located at 68 Mountain Road and Raymond Tax Map 46 / Lot 9.

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Mr. Reed recused himself from this application because Mr. Brown is a friend of his.

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Mrs. Luszcz read a statement: In regard to application number 2021-024, I wish to disclose that I have used the Legal Services of Patricia Panciocco in the past. But we are not engaged in any business together at this time. I have no direct personal or financial interest in the outcome of this application, and therefore can and will remain impartial.

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Mr. Brown explained that Attorney Panciocco is no longer involved with the application.

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> Mr. K. Woods made a motion to accept application 2021-024 a site plan application to include waivers. On behalf of Troy Brown. Mr. McLeod seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 in favor, 1 abstention and 0 opposed.

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Ms. Bridgeo made a motion to have a site walk for this application. Mr. McLeod seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 opposed.

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The Board discussed the date for the site walk and determined that May 5th at 5:00pm at 68 Mountain Road (the site) would be best.

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Paige Libbey, with Jones and Beach Engineers, introduced herself, Troy Brown the owner and Monica Kieser the attorney for the applicant.

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Paige Libbey explained the application details saying: "the proposal is to construct a slightly over 1400 square foot addition to the rear of the building. The addition will be used mostly for cold storage and warehousing, but a section of it will be finished and used as bathroom space, workshop space and some offices as well as a break room for employees. The addition is 44 feet by 31 feet dimensionalize. And it's entirely off the rear of the existing main retail building. It's entirely on top of existing gravel and paved area that's behind the building now and used for storage of materials and vehicles and things of that nature. There is quite a grade change across the site from front to back. So, the addition will have a walkout grade lower than the grade of the existing building. And we'll have an overhead door used for deliveries of work for materials that trucks will be able to come to the back of the building and have a loading area at the back there. So, we did meet with the TRC. On this application. One of the things that came up during that was a dry hydrant that's on the property used by the fire department. There's currently no easement for that in place, but it's been there for many years and the fire department has always known about it. So, one of the things we discussed with the TRC was that we would provide an easement for that dry hydrant. So, we do have that drafted and we'll be submitting it to check to the town for legal counsel to review. So overall, we feel this is an improvement to the site, we're providing bathrooms for the staff and as well as the public that's coming into the building as well as additional storage. So, he'll be able to bring some storage outside inside as well as have a larger stock of inventory on the property. So, this is one of the things that was discussed early on between Troy and the building department was this is a non-conforming use in the residential zone. So, because it's a commercial use, we have to comply with Section 2.2.3. I believe your ordinance requires that any expansion of a non-conforming use be only 25%. So, the existing total footprint of the buildings is a little over 5000 square feet and this proposal is less than the 25% of that square. pledge, we are requesting three waivers, as you noted, so the three waivers are for landscaping and screening, lighting,

as well as stormwater management. The reason for those waivers is mostly because we're pretty much providing the landscaping and vegetation that's required by your ordinance. So, we feel that we meet the intent of your ordinance because of the existing vegetation that's on the site, there's really no need to provide additional vegetation since it's surrounded on three sides by A wooded buffer. Same thing with lighting, because we're kind of a unique proposal because we're a commercial use in a residential zone. He does have some security lighting already on the building, but we don't feel that it would be respectful to neighbors to be providing extensive lighting on the site because of its location and the unique nature of the use. Lastly, the stormwater management. The intent of a stormwater management plan is really to compare the pre and post stormwater flows and where we're only putting an impervious surface on top of an existing impervious surface, there's no change to the stormwater management. So, there would be really no need to provide that type of calculation or any type of infrastructure to catch additional stormwater."

Mr. Mcleod inquired about a letter they received about the sprinkler systems rules. Mr. McLeod did not agree with the assessment. "I think the fire chief Paul Hammond has said that the intent is obvious. And it's also obvious to me that new commercial construction needs to be sprinkled. I understand that there's some discussion about the use that remains the same, that it's not a different use of the existing building. But you are. It is a new construction of an addition. And so, I think that as a minimum, the new addition would need to be sprinkled"

Paige Libbey explained with they had met with the TRC, and That Troy then met with the Fire Chief on site. What they ended up doing was submitting to the town attorney for an administrative decision on that language, because it was also unclear to them whether or not it applied. And that it is their understanding the town's attorney did decide that language does not apply in this case.

Mr. McLeod discussed a letter From Laura Spector Morgan, from Mitchell Municipal Group that says that both interpretations are possible. And that they recommend looking at NFPA 13. And following its guidance. NFPA 13 is actually about the systems itself, not whether a building needs to be sprinkled or not so that the guidance that they're saying isn't there, but they're saying that they're not agreeing with this interpretation. They're saying that that's a possible interpretation. Yeah. And the Fire Chief has said in this statement, that the intent is obvious.

Attorney Monica Keiser of Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley, and Roberts, explained she had written the initial letter and looking at attorney specter Morgan's response. It looks like she says she recommends looking at NFPA and following its guidance, but then she says I did find this online, which she thought might come from NFPA, which says that the sprinkler systems must be installed and new commercial buildings with an area exceeding 5000 square feet after any law I'm so I'm not sure that that would apply there. But my understanding was after the fire chief saw this information, came out, visited the site, and spoke with Troy. He agreed that it wasn't necessary.

Paige Libby added: "I think Troy met with the fire chief prior to that coming out and they discussed it. And he was the Fire Chief who was open to whatever the town attorney was to decide. I do know that NFPA would not require this building to be sprinklered. So, the town's ordinance is stricter than NFPA. So, if the town attorney is recommending going by NFPA would not apply. And because NFPA requires sprinklers for certain, certain types of storage that are flammable. So, this type of storage that he's proposing is a low risk."

Monica Keiser suggested that the appropriate sheet should be copied and submitted. And then maybe they need to re-address that with the fire department.

Ms. Bridgeo read a letter from the previous owner; "One of the changes when they applied the responses. The zoning ordinance requires your proposed cold storage building to be fully sprinkler protected. We have had several cold storage buildings constructed without sprinklers, but only after they had received a variance from the Zoning Board of adjustments. And after the recommendation from the necessity from the Fire Chief, should you seek to not provide full sprinkler protection in the proposed cold storage building, you should consider approaching at the time it was Fire Chief Pratt, Kevin Pratt, her recommendation in regards to not needing the sprinklers he has supported not having sprinklers in cold storage buildings a number of times in the past, I am sure he could advise you of which buildings and for what reasons he has taken this position. The cold storage building that is heated is almost to have heating and cold storage, I would say would go against cold storage and to be doing manufacturing or repairs or I don't know what actually would be that would negate the word cold storage because you weren't going to be heating that portion of the building. So, I don't think part of the building would be cold storage because it's heated?"

Monica Keiser: "We have not been directed to get a variance. We provided our

interpretation. We have gotten a response back that we believe was favorable to us but at best is unclear. So that's why we haven't gone to get one. That's what I'm saying. So maybe we revisit that with the Town Council. We provide the NFPA information to get that resolved."

Troy Brown: "The fire chief in the same email thread that we received He did comment. He says Christina, unfortunately for me, that I had not visited our town ordinance verbiage for some years, and I was not aware it had morphed into such a convoluted description of a simple sprinkler ordinance. The original ordinance simply stated all new construction of commercial industrial buildings as well as multifamily buildings with three or more units. So, we've switched to NFPA 13 standards, I'm paraphrasing, but the intent is obvious. Currently, the verbiage as depicted does not appear to be concise as a code enforcement would refer to a 14 leverage in this application. So, I read that as he's acknowledging that language is unfortunately clear."

Maddie Dilonno said the ordinance reads 8.3.3 As allowed by RSA 674:52-I pursuant to RSA 674:51 and that all commercial (to include multi-family housing) and industrial uses newly constructed shall be fully sprinkler protected in compliance with NFPA 13 (the standard for the installation of sprinkler systems) design criteria.

Mr. Campbell asked if they were a commercial building and expressed that he did not see any gray area in here. That it's pretty cut and dry. It's a commercial building for commercial use.

Ms. Bridgeo read a letter from Mr. Richard Mailhot to Mr. Beaumont, September 16 2004. The purpose of this letter is to answer the questions regarding the issuance of a permit for a 28 by 36, 1008 square foot storage building. Let's start by stating that your business the Mountain Road Trading Post, 68 Mountain Road is located in Zone B and as such is considered a pre-existing non-conforming use and reviewing the Raymond zoning ordinance, Article 4 use non- conforming section 4. 8.3 limits expansion of any non-conforming use to a maximum of 25%. The town tax records for your existing building indicate it is 4800 square feet in size, which would allow a maximum expansion of 1200 square feet. Additionally, I reviewed the site plan regulations, Article four, section 1.1.2.7, in short, and it describes the conditions under which a site plan review is required for your proposal for the construction of a new nonresidential use. occasioned development of the site will require you to apply and receive site plan review. And then it goes on in it he lists more. So, there are in the records from the prior when they also

- have been in there are documents listing the size of the building. Now when we pull up the building the proposed and the first thing, I see is the existing building is 60 by 27.
- 302 And its proposed new expansion is 44 by 27.

- Monica Keiser said "This was vetted by code enforcement back in November before we applied in December initially. And they told Troy that the expansion was less than 25%.
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Further discussion revealed that there may have been an old condition that there be no more expansion. Monica Keiser asked that a copy of that old condition be emailed to her.

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- Ms. Bridgeo: "I personally would like to address the lighting, dark sky as a commercial building that is located near a state park. I think that the lighting and keeping a dark sky
- is critical to that type of neighborhood. The State Park being nearby, and I think that
- dark sky criteria, especially having Tuckaway down the street which is where people are
- going to be using kayaks, canoes and other would be imperative to have our dark sky
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Paige Libbey explained that they would not be installing any new lighting.

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Ms. Bridgeo then asked about the sign. Paige Libbey said they would be moving the sign but not changing the size of the sign.

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- Ms. Bridgeo made a motion to open to Public Comment. Mr. Mcleod seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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Public Comment:

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Alex Dostie, 70 Mountain Road, said: "My property line abuts right up directly to all the structures that are there. And I'm just here to general support of being behind all these structures. I appreciate those low light variants. In general, there's no real issue I have on my end of the buildings where they are able to be visible by point of my property."

- 335 Ms. Gott, speaking as a citizen, reminded everyone that site walks are open to the
- 336 Public and asked for the date of the site walk.

338 Ms. Bridgeo said that the date for the site walk is May 5th at 5:00 pm at 68 Mountain

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341 Motion:

Ms. Bridgeo made a motion to close Public Comment. Mrs. Luszcz seconded the

motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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345 Motion:

Mr. McLeod made a motion to continue the application until May 5, 2022 at 7:00pm at

Raymond High School Media Center. Mrs. Luszcz seconded the motion. The motion

passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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Approval of Minutes:

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353 Mr. Reed made a motion to table the March 23, 2022 minutes until the next meeting. Mr.

354 McLeod seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed

and 0 abstentions.

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358 Ms. Bridgeo made a motion to accept the April 7, 2022 minutes as amended. Mrs.

Luszcz seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed

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Mr. K. Woods volunteered to sit on the Cemetery Advisory Board.

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Kera Clements explained that there are 4-member at large positions in the charter. We have three members. We have been meeting, we've walked through the couple of the cemeteries, we've looked at the maps we've kind of been trying to get organized but really didn't have a well-established and then all kinds of shifting happened. And so, we've kind of just been sitting alongside waiting for things to kind of get in a good place.

So now we do have an objective we need to make some decisions on. We had been

371 meeting the last Sunday of every month. So, we'd like to continue to do that this

372 Sunday. We'll just be meeting at the Long Branch. So, Kevin, if you're available at 9am,

to meet with us. We were established, I think, last summer. But with all of the changes in

administration, the charter really wasn't released. I think Kevin actually may have found it and has put together our website and, you know, called attention to the fact that we still were pending those members, which we were aware of, we just didn't have a cemetery Sexton assigned. So, we really had no directive.

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Ms. Bridgeo made a motion that the Board accept Kevin Woods as the representative to the Cemetery Advisory Board. Mr. Mcleod seconded the motion. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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Mr. Reed asked for two people to sit on the Capitol Improvement Committee.

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Mr. K. Woods: "I have a particular interest in the CIP. This is another subcommittee that I wish to participate in. Its membership is down; actually, two members with Mr. Di Tomasso is gone. And one other member is no longer an elected official either. My concern is, as Brad mentioned, that, ultimately, the town has adopted the capital improvements committee formula. But the Planning Board still has its fingers in the capital improvements plan, the CIP plan. Unfortunately, the only thing that that committee has done in the last three years, is basically take CRF recommendations and agree with them. If you do some research around the Seacoast, you will find we're the only town without a written capital improvements plan, a written and posted capital improvements plan. And that would be high on my list of goals to accomplish. This year with the CIP it's much more than just rubber stamping, capital reserve fund requests, it really is the basis for a lot of things, including impact fees. If you really can't charge impact fees for just things like road maintenance, you actually have to have an improvement, that those impact fees are going to be addressed to. And I think that's crucial, because we've talked a lot, or this board has talked, and a lot of people have talked about impact fees. The school has them. The town dropped them because exactly that reason. It was not an improvement plan to put those impact fees to I think that's important to the town."

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Ms. Gott: "I believe there has been a plan maybe with COVID things dropped, there was an active plan. The reason that the town that the Planning Board dropped impact fees and I'm speaking just historically, there was not a rational nexus, if you will, for having impact fees for certain areas, we did have some offsite improvements. And that was for specific roads. But even that was difficult to carry out. Because you had to prove that that road, use, deterioration, whatever was specific to that project. That was very, very

- difficult to prove. So, we were advised by the guru of impact fees, not to do that. My
- suggestion would be that it would be a good idea to schedule a session with Bruce
- Mayberry to learn about impact fees, rather than just reading it on, Let's have Bruce,
- come back, and talk to us about what we can and can't do. Because I know, the
- Selectmen are very interested in having impact fees, but there are just lots of little hoops
- and jumps and things that you need to do."

- Mr. Reed cautioned the Board that before we start asking other additional consultants
- and lawyers and that kind of thing to consider the cost because the budget was cut this
- 420 year significantly.

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- 422 Ms. Gott said that it is extremely important for CIP committee members, and for
- planning board members and any members of the public to do the tours, set up the
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426 Mr. Coppelman explained that the CIP plan is specifically a 6-year plan per statute.

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- 428 Motion:
- 429 Ms. Bridgeo made a motion to accept Kevin Woods for a position on the CIP
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- 436 Ms. Bridgeo made a motion to accept Dee Luszcz for a position on the CIP Committee.
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440 Mr. Reed said that the one other item here is a zoning board position.

- Keith Smith: "In looking at the history of the planning board, appointing recommending it
- all started. In the minutes, I went back to 2014 to try and figure out where this started
- because I'd never remembered it historically happening. In 2008 Stephen Fehr was a
- member of the zoning board; he was elected to the planning board. Whenever a case
- came up on the two, he would step down, Stephen resigned and moved to Florida.
- When he resigned to move to Florida that put the zba in a bit of a bind. They didn't have

a quorum for three months. So, in an emergency appointment was made of Alyssa Welch by the board of selectmen from the planning board for a one-year appointment. She served the one year and then after that, it came up again. And Mr. Wentworth had nominated Brad for the position after one year. The first one was an emergency situation because they couldn't get a quorum so long. So, it said the Selectmen had said one year it's all in the minutes, and then it popped up again. So, they nominated, and Brad was appointed to the zba. Now, these were only supposed to be one-year appointments, which is usually like a board of selectmen sitting on another board or a board member sitting on another board. That was in 2020. In 2021, no action was taken. That just continued on that one year has now become two years there was nothing at all, when the new board came in and 2021 for an appointment and or nomination to the zba. So that's what I found from all the minutes. And then I found this a little disturbing on April 7. Prior to my meeting with you people, the website said Brad Reed planning board representative on April 9th, and I have a screenshot of it on my computer with the timestamp on April 9. It changed after I met with you people. And it said the member planning board representative that had been on there for years after my discussion was removed. And other things have been changing. So, I don't know where you're going to go with moving forward with this. But I do know what caused this position in the first place. I have all the minutes. The much-eradicated minutes, but it specifically says the resignation of Stephen Fehr, the emergency appointment of Alyssa Welsh and then Mr. Wentworth's nomination for Brad when her term was done, but the emergency was over."

Kevin Woods: "My opinion is I don't think we need a legal opinion. The RSA is extremely clear. Zoning Board members, when they are appointed, are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. They can appoint somebody from the high school, they can appoint whoever they want. It's in their jurisdiction. If the Board of Selectmen decide they would like to have a Planning Board Member on the Zoning Board. Land Use Board Regulations allow that to happen. But it's irrelevant what we want when really, RSA is so clear. They are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. And they can appoint who they wish."

Ms. Bridgeo: "I think that as people who are sitting here trying to serve this community to the best of our abilities, I think that having those us separate from the Zoning Board is probably for all of us is in the best interest of the town. And if this we hit an emergency situation, and we need to be before the Selectmen, for that type of situation. But I think as far as keeping our Land Use Board separate, and if they are not in an emergency situation, then I don't think that the Planning Board should be having an I'm going to call

it double dipping sitting on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board. I think that it is in the best interest if they are full, and they don't need members, and it's not an emergency. I think it's in the best interest that we separate."

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Mr. Coppelman: "The statute is also very clear that there's no provision for the planning board to appoint or recommend appointment of one of their members to the ZBA. If a planning board member, on their own, wishes to serve on the ZBA, they can approach the board of selectmen and asked to be appointed, and it's in the Select Board's hands then to make that appointment."

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495 Mr. Reed said, "I have resigned officially because of the whole tie and everything."" 496 What I told them was that as soon as the town elections were done, that we were going 497 to make a new recommendation to the board of selectmen because that's what we had 498 been doing. And Keith came and very clearly pointed out to us that what we had been 499 doing wasn't exactly correct. So, this is all in limbo. In my term, as far as I'm concerned, my term actually expired last year." "We have chosen not to send a recommendation of 500 501 the Board of Selectmen that the appointments to the ZBA are totally under the purview of the Board of Selectmen. So, we are not involved with that." 502

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- 504 Motion:
- Mr. Reed made a motion that the Planning Board recognizes that people who serve on the ZBA are not within the purview of the Planning Board, and we will not make recommendations to the Select Board unless specifically asked for a volunteer from our group. Ms. Bridgeo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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Ms. Gott asked Mr. Reed if he was going to go to the Board of Selectmen and ask to be a Planning Board representative. Mr. Reed said he would not unless specifically asked by the Board of Selectmen.

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May 12, 2022 at 7 pm in the Media Center at the High School is a work session for the Planning Board. They will discuss procedures and MS4.

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519 Motion:

Ms. Bridgeo made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Fwd: Mountain rd. Trading Post

Troy Brown <f5mrtpnh@gmail.com>

Wed 3/16/2022 6:36 PM

To: Christina McCarthy <cmccarthy@raymondnh.gov>

Cc: Paige Libbey <plibbey@jonesandbeach.com>; Pat Panciocco <Pat@pancioccolaw.com>

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see below. this is the only neighbor who might see the existing dumpster. please include in our package in support of our related waiver. the new dumpster location will be less visible, if not invisible, to her even.

Troy

------ Forwarded message ------

From: Sandy Savage < wildbreed469@yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, Mar 5, 2022 at 4:53 PM Subject: Mountain rd. Trading Post To: troy brown <f5mrtpnh@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern:

I understand there could be a possible concern with the existing dumpster at the Mountain rd Trading post.

Seeing that I am the only neighbor that has a view of it, I really do not see any reasoning for it to be fenced in.

Improvements have been made in and around the area since Troy Brown has owned it.

Best Regards:

Sandra Rozen 62 Mountain rd. Raymond N.H. Zoning Board of Adjustment Draft Minutes
August 24, 2022

Raymond High School, Room 109, 45 Harriman Hill Rd. - 7:30 p.m.

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- Keith Smith Member
- 6 Alissa Welch Board of Selectmen Representative
- 7 Joyce Wood Alternate (Seated)
 - Tim Cahill Member
- 9 Tom Luszcz Alternate (Seated)
- 10 Christina McCarthy Planning Technician/Tax Collector
 - Paul Ayers- Building Inspector

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Absent Members

- Paul McCoy Member
- 15 Brad Reed Member

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Mr. Smith announced the Brad Reed has an excused absence and that David Hall was present for his first meeting as an alternate. Both alternates, Joyce Wood and Tom Luszcz, were seated for the meeting.

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Application 2022-002 Frederick Geno: Applicant wishes to construct a detached garage to include a 2-bedroom apartment above and requests the following:

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- 6.10.5.1. Only one accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed as a matter of right in all zoning districts that permit single-family detached dwellings and, on any parcel, where only one existing, legally conforming single-family dwelling already exists.
- 6.10.6.4. An interior connecting door shall be provided between the principal dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit.
- 6.10.6.8. Detached accessory dwelling units are not allowed in the Town of Raymond.

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Property address is 11 Quinlan Farm Road, Raymond, Map34/Lot 41, Zone B.

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Mr. Geno explained that he put the first ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) on for his parents. He is going to be doing a garage either way. He does meet all the setbacks for the garage. He is asking instead of a loft over the garage that he be allowed to build a two bedroom apartment above the garage.

Lynne York, 1 Norrie Drive, expressed concerns over renting the second ADU in a single family home.

- 43 Mr. Ayer commented that there is an RSA that determines the number of ADUs allowed. Mr.
- Smith gave Mr. Ayer a copy of the RSA which he read (see attached).

- 46 Motion:
- Mrs. Wood made a motion to go into deliberative. Mr. Cahill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Granting this variance will or will not be contrary to the public interest:

 Mr. Luszcz: "My concern with it again is it's a single family neighborhood. ordinances are set in place to not have multi family in the area. I see what he wants to do. It's good that you don't want to help people. But it's not allowed in that area there. And I think we're going against why we have our ordinances, if we were to allow something like this, the 2.17 acres that are very private. I don't see how that is the question as far as would not be contrary to the public."

Mr. Cahill: "I tend to agree with Tom here. I think that we have some set ordinances for this specific deal that deal with the specific things and RSA is the deal with this thing. I do think it would be contrary."

Mr. Smith: "I'm gonna say that it would be because of the articles that they listed the ordinances that were listed by staff that gave you also in our ordinance 2022 and the definitions 13 .1.2 A building or structure detach from but located on the same lot, which is customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal building shall not contain bedrooms, along with the other ones that you've already gotten and the state law that Paul read into the record, that's why I would say it would be contrary."

Mrs. Wood: "I agree with you."

71 Mrs. Welch: "I don't have anything further to add."

Granting this variance will be consistent with the spirit of the ordinance:

Mrs. Welch: "Gonna say it's not consistent with the spirit of the ordinance because the ordinance is based on an RSA. I don't really see how we get around the RSA."

- 78 Mrs. Wood: "I agree with Alyssa, our job is to review applications in light of what our ordinance,
- 79 it's to get relief from our ordinance. It's not to get relief from state law."

Mrs. Smith: "I agree with them, it would not be."

Mr. Cahill: "I agree with all of you guys. I mean, our ordinance is that detached accessory dwelling units are not allowed."

Mr. Luszcz: "I would have to also agree, nothing further."

Granting this variance would or would not do substantial justice:

Mr. Luszcz: "It's again, the added two bedrooms helping the taxes. Still, it's just not allowed. So I would say that it would not do substantial justice."

Mr. Cahill: "I agree with Tom."

Mr. Smith: "I agree with Tom it would not."

Mrs. Wood: "I don't see that there's harm to the public here"

Mrs. Welch: "I don't have anything further to add."

Granting this variance would or would not diminish the values of surrounding properties:

Mrs. Welch: "I think there's a possibility that would be diminished. You do have an acreage minimum because of the RSA when you're increasing your residency size. So I think they would be diminished slightly."

Mrs. Wood: "I do not believe that it would diminish the values of surrounding properties. I mean, it's going to build the garage, regardless. So the parents won't be any different. It's got two bedrooms up top versus just loft space. I don't see any diminution of property values, by virtue of having the upstairs garage bedrooms."

Mr. Smith: "I would say it would diminish the property values just on the density of your property versus what everybody else is allowed under the state law and town ordinance."

115 Mr. Cahill: "I agree just it would slightly diminish property values we have, we have the lot size."

- 117 Mr. Luszcz: "I'm gonna say it wouldn't diminish the property values as far as the garage goes.
- But by adding the apartment, in essence, you're making a multifamily in a neighborhood where
 - it's predominantly single family, I believe is a value to that people who want to live in that

120 community with just single family houses without multifamily. It's more desirable to be in that 121 area. And by making it multifamily it could possibly diminish the values."

- Owing to the special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship because...
- a. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property:

Mr. Cahill: "I actually don't think that there's a hardship on this. On this lot. It's a pretty standard lot."

Mr. Smith: "I'm gonna say it's not. Zoning regulations and town ordinances are permitted for all. If it's not permitted for everyone, then no, that's why I'm gonna say it is not."

Mrs. Wood: "I haven't heard anything that distinguishes this property from other properties in the area. I don't see any special conditions of the property. I guess that would mean that I don't see any unnecessary hardship here. There is no unnecessary hardship not because there are no special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area."

Mrs. Welch: "I agree with Joyce, I just think the RSA is a big roadblock for this one."

Mr. Luszcz: "I don't see any unnecessary hardship."

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Mr. Cahill made a motion to come out of deliberation. Mrs. Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

148 Motion:

Mr. Cahill made a motion to deny the variance for application 2022-002.based on following or current ordinances and State laws. Mrs. Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Mr. Smith swore in the applicants for application Application 2022-003.

Attorney Monica Kaiser from Hopeful, Phoenix, Gormley and Roberts representing the application on behalf of Troy Brown, the principal of Loon Lake LLC and the owner of Mountain

Road Trading Post introduced herself and Paige Libby, engineer from Jones and Beach Engineers.

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The Board introduced themselves, staff, and Attorney Chris Dressler representing the ZBA.

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Application 2022-003 Monica Keiser representing Troy Brown of Mountain Road Trading Post: Applicant wishes to construct a 529 s.f. addition without sprinklers to include a 34.4-foot buffer:

2.2.3. EXPANSION LIMITS: Expansion of any use by twenty-five percent (25%) or more is not permitted.

- 8.3.3 As allowed by RSA 674:52-I pursuant to RSA 674:51 and that all commercial (to include multi-family housing) and industrial uses newly constructed shall be fully sprinkler protected in compliance with NFPA 13 (the standard for the installation of sprinkler systems) design criteria.
- 15.2.4. Any commercial or industrial structure which is proposed to be located abutting a residential zone, or in C.2 only, an existing residential use, shall require a minimum setback of fifty feet(50') from property lines, which shall include a twenty foot (20')dense vegetative buffer and a fence to shield the residential zone or in C.2 only, an existing residential use, from light and noise generated by the commercial or industrial structure. If the entire fifty-foot(50') buffer is developed and maintained as dense vegetative buffer, a fence is not required. (03/2002)

Property address is 68 Mountain Road, Raymond, Map46/Lot 9, Zone B.

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Mr. Smith said that the applicant could make their presentation now but the Board was going to make a motion to continue until September 28, 2022 or pending a denial from the Planning Board on any of these because we have no administrative denial to appeal. Mr. Smith said that the Planning Board did not make a decision.

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Attorney Monica Keiser explained: "My I guess my position is a little bit different. An administrative decision doesn't need to be a denial, an administrative decision is any decision made by any official or board that interprets the ordinance? I don't think that needs to be it doesn't need to be a denial, because quite honestly, if there's a planning board denial, it may present sort of mixed issues, right? If the planning board denial is based on their site plan regulations, I have to go to Superior Court. If it's based on the ordinance, I have to come here once they give me a denial. I'm in a situation where I might have to go to both places within 30 days. So that to me doesn't make sense."

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"I'm asking you to, to uphold the administrative decisions that had been made by staff, which we relied on in preparing and presenting to the planning board only to get to the Planning Board and come to a screeching halt because they disagreed with the earlier administrative interpretation."

Attorney Dressler suggested letting the applicant present and then after they presented if you wish to stay before any discussions, or any decisions are made until we can get clarification.

Attorney Keiser said if the Board look at exhibit I (see attached) there was a decision by the interim building inspector dated April 26 2022, which was rendered after the planning board heard our case the first time and expressed hesitation about the expansion we posed at that time, which was nearly three times the expansion that we're asking you for tonight. I'm asking you to uphold that decision.

Attorney Dressler said: "There are two things going on folks. An admin appeal and a variance. Yep. If applied for a variance, they're entitled to be heard on the variance. Don't confuse yourself with admin appeal. So what I would suggest just probably for the sake of keeping the minutes clean, entertain a motion to table the admin appeals. So their rights are preserved. Okay, so we can get to the bottom of all this. Okay. And then in the meantime, you can proceed with the variance as normal."

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Mr. Cahill made a motion to table the administration application for appeal for Application 2022-003 to September 28, 2022 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Luszcz seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Attorney Keiser explained that Mountain Road Trading Post has been in existence for some 40 years at the location at 68 Mountain Road. Until about 2021 or so, the property had two conflicting uses on it. So it had the Trading Post and then it had a residential home on the property and it was about five acres in size. Troy came along and purchased the property after verifying the business could continue and subdivided the house off. And that subdivision required some variances, which you or your predecessors gave in 2021. But it also required site plan approval. So after having gotten the subdivision, Troy set to work on getting the site plan approval, and meeting a number of obligations that the Planning Board had imposed on that subdivision. And that included things like you know, there's no well serving the business, there's no septic serving the business. There's no real sanitary facilities serving the business. I think back when the former owners used to utilize the property I don't know whether they lived in the home or employees lived in the home but they certainly relied on the home somewhat for some of those things and they also relied on Porta Potti so some of the conditions involving the site plan approval of that subdivision which has long since been approved, recorded etc. involve things like get a bathroom, get a septic, get a well. And so Troy has said about doing those things and there's a number of exhibits in your packet that demonstrate that he's gotten a well approval for the property, that he's got a septic design. Construction approval hasn't installed it

yet but he's got the design approved by the State. So he's undertaken a number of things to get in compliance. But the nature of the old building and wanting to install a handicap accessible bathroom and stuff like that was more difficult. And so ultimately, he made the decision that it seemed like the best way to get that accessible bathroom and a little office space was to put an addition on. Now, Troy had ideas about a very large edition. Some of you may remember hearing that before. Obviously, that's not where we are anymore. But in any event, a larger edition was proposed to you when withdrawn. And then in consultation with Gregor Arvanitis, which was the first administrative decision that had been made, gave him a permit to put a larger addition on and then realized. Okay, well, now I gotta revoke the permit, you need site plan approval. So Troy has been in the process of getting site plan approval since last December. has taken a very long time to get any decision from the Planning Board, as you can see, so the application was accepted, you know, some time ago, and here we are. So that's a separate kettle of fish. But anyway, during that process, and the questions were raised by the Planning Board, the new inspector, interim inspector Smart, rendered a decision. And, but nonetheless, you know, it seemed to us that, in addition to maybe preserving the right to the administrative appeal, we would also just go ahead and seek a variance. And in consultation, our team refined our plan, and we came up with a much smaller addition proposed, that would literally just be a bathroom, a small workshop area, a break room, and a little an office area. So that's what's before you today.

Paige Libbey explained "what we're looking to do is just construct the addition on the back of the existing building, so it will be not visible from the road. So it'll entirely be behind the existing structure. And then with parking along the existing gravel, so we're not adding any impervious surface as a result of the project, we're simply adding the proposed addition to the back of the building in a spot where there's already pavement, and Troy keeps vehicles and things like that in the back when he needs to park them there, or whatever it needs to do back there. And then the other thing we're proposing as a result of the project is just to relocate Troy sign, because right now, for those of you that have to revive sort of in the middle of the existing gravel driveway, so what we're looking to do is just shifted over out of the center of the driveway to make it safer and more out of the way."

Attorney Keiser said: "I'm not asking for any percentage, I'm just asking you to approve a 529 square foot addition, by virtue of asking you for the variance."

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Mr. Luszcz made a motion to have a sitewalk at 68 Mountain Road on August 31, at 6 o'clock, followed by a meeting at 730 PM at Raymond High School. Mrs. Welch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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Mr. Cahill made a motion to continue application 2022-033 until August 31, 2022 at 7:30 pm. Mrs. Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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Minutes:

Mr. Smith made a motion to table the minutes from July 27, 2022 until the Board reviews the rules and procedures, to the September 28, 2022 meeting. Mr. Cahill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

The Board discussed that David Hall be made an alternate due to his experience. Even though this was his first meeting Mr. Luszcz recommended that Mr. Hall be appointed after the next meeting.

Board Member Updates:

Mr. Luszcz reported that Rockingham Planning Commission. We met with the board of selectmen, we got an approval for them to move forward on some of the issues that we were having in town, one of them I think, Blueberry Hill, that they're actually taking a look at moving forward where there's a problem down there and they're seeing the problem so they are moving forward with the study. So thank you to the Selectmen doing their job and getting them moving forward. We haven't met the summer at all, they canceled the summer meetings. Yay. So I believe we'll be meeting up in September again.

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Mr. Cahill made a motion that we move to non public with legal and when we come out of non public, we will adjourn. Mr. Luszcz second the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill A. Vadeboncoeur

Section 674:73

674:73 Detached Accessory Dwelling Units. – A municipality is not required to but may permit detached accessory dwelling units. Detached accessory dwelling units shall comply with the requirements of, and any municipal ordinances or regulations adopted pursuant to, RSA 674:72, IV through IX. If a municipality allows detached accessory dwelling units, it may require an increased lot size.





April 26, 2022

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Planning Board.

Review of the application for an expansion of use for the Mountain Road Trading Post.

I find that the non-conforming use at the Trading Post has been in existence since before June 1993. Under the present Zoning Ordinance Article 2: Section 2.2 Non-conforming use. Sub-Section 2.23 Expansion Limits: Expansion of any use by twenty five percent (25%) or more is not permitted. Therefore the present conforming use at the Trading Post has been in existence since before June 1993. Under the present Zoning Ordinance Article 2: Section 2.2 Non-conforming use. Sub-Section 2.2.3 Expansion Limits: Expansion of any use by twenty five percent (25%) or more is not permitted.

Charlie Smart

Interim Building Inspector