

**Sturbridge Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Town Hall**

Present:

Charlie Blanchard
James Cunniff
Jeff Adams
Christopher Bouchard
Michael Chisholm
Russell Chamberland
Sue Waters
Jean Bubon, Town Planner
Jeneé Lacy, Administrative Assistant

Also Present:

Tony Crane, Tree Warden
Tom Chamberland, Trails Committee
Jeff Bridges, Town Administrator
Steve Fleshman, Architect for Thai Place

Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and read the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

December 17, 2019

**Motion: To approve minutes from December 17, 2019 as written. By: R. Chamberland
2nd: J. Adams
Vote: 6-0-1 (S. Waters Abstained)**

ANR – If Any

No ANR

Town Planner Update

J. Bubon discussed the Citizen Planning Training Collaborative and invited the Board to attend.

**Joint Public Hearing with Tree Warden – Scenic Road Application for Tree Removal –
48 & 52 Stallion Hill Road**

S. Waters read the public hearing legal notice that was published in the Southbridge Evening News.

Tree Warden T. Crane stated that he hasn't received any citizen concerns regarding the tree removal.

Trails Committee representative T. Chamberland came forward and gave background regarding the trees that are requested to be taken down.

Motion: To close the public hearing. By: J. Cunniff

2nd: S. Waters

Vote: All in Favor (7-0)

J. Bubon stated that she had made a site visit with the tree warden and recommended that the Board approve the Scenic Road Special Permit for tree removal.

Motion: To approve the Scenic Road Special Permit for tree removal on 48 & 52 Stallion Hill Road. By: S. Waters

2nd: J. Cunniff

Vote: All in Favor (7-0)

Documents Reviewed:

- *Town of Sturbridge Scenic Road Bylaw Application – Tree Removal 48 & 52 Stallion Hill Road*
- *48 & 52 Stallion Hill Road Tree Removal List*
- *Site Plan titled "Proposed Riverlands Parking Area and Grand Trunk Trail Access", showing potential trees to be removed*
- *Abutters list*
- *Public Hearing Legal Notice*
- *Department Head Memos*

Town Planner Update Cont.

J. Bubon discussed the following:

- Continuation of Bylaw clean up
- Truck stop on Rt. 20 proposal from private gas company
- Land Use Division update – frozen foods warehouse
- Sturbridge metallurgical application coming soon
- Marijuana company applications coming soon

Waiver of Site Plan – 369 – 371 Main Street – Sturbridge Corp. (Thai Place)

S. Fleshman, Architect for the Thai Place, came before the Board and gave a background on the request to expand the Thai place, put in more seats and increase the size of the bar.

J. Bubon discussed parking spaces, the site plan, and the site visit.

There was discussion from the Board regarding the amount of parking spaces needed for the businesses in that location.

Motion: To approve the Waiver of Site Plan for 369 – 371 Main Street. By: J. Adams
2nd: S. Waters
Vote: All in Favor (7-0)

Documents Reviewed:

- *Town of Sturbridge Planning Board Permit Application – Waiver of Site Plan 369-371 Main Street*
- *Site Plan “Old Sturbridge Village Parking Lot Plan 369-371 Main Street Sturbridge, MA”*
- *Drawing No. AD1 – “The Thai Place Dining Room Expansion 371 Main Street Sturbridge, Massachusetts”*
- *Drawing No. A1 – “The Thai Place Dining Room Expansion 371 Main Street Sturbridge, Massachusetts”*
- *Department Head Memos*

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Town Planner Update Cont.

J. Bubon invited the Board to the Housing Partnership Housing Forum on February 28 – discussing the results of the Housing Survey.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:49pm. By: S. Waters
2nd: J. Adams
Vote: All in Favor (7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Jeneé Lacy

Clerk of the Board: *Susan Waters*

Date signed: *2/11/2020*