

Town of Burke
212 School Street
West Burke, Vermont 05871
Development Review Board
Minutes
January 8, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Rodney Machell, James Bentley, Frank Cuccia, Scott Chappell, Mike Harris (ZA)

Visitors: Jerome O'Meara.

Buddy opened meeting at 6:00 P.M with the reading of the oath. Also disclosure of interested parties and ex parte communications.

Permit # 2019:55- Jerome O'Meara seeking to receive a change of use for his single family home, to have short and long term rentals. The Fire Marshal has been to inspect the property and has approved him to have up to 8 people at one time. It has working smoke and CO Detectors. The Fire Marshal's report is in the file. Plenty of parking. There are no interested parties here. The Board has no other question, Buddy asked for a motion to close, Scott motioned/James seconded, all in favor. Hearing closed. The Board will deliberate and Jerome will be notified within 45 days, of the board's decision.

Review of December's minutes. There were not enough member's available to approve them.

Zoning Administrator

He has contacted Howard Baily again, with no response. Andy Bean has presented a parking plan, Mike is waiting for the plans for the upper lot, at which time Andy will come back to the DRB. The Fire Marshall has been in contact with Rick Schwag.

Brian Pickard & Rebecca Masure from Rural Edge went to the Selectboard meeting on Monday January 6, 2020 to present the newest plans. Rural Edge is working on purchasing Burke Land Enterprise, from the Henderson's. They are having the plans drawn up now. Once they have worked out the purchase details, they want to build another building with 8 subsidized units. The new building will have a pitched roof. They want to upgrade all of the units. This will mean all tenants will have to move out until this is completed which could take about one year to 18 months. They help all tenants with moving expense and relocating. The tenants that are there now will have first choice to come back. Pets will be allowed. This renovation will put 4 million dollars into the economy and will create work for local contractors and generate business for the area stores. They would like a letter of support from the Selectboard and the Zoning Administrator.

Mike has been reviewing the bylaws about the neon signs that are being used in the area stores windows. He will bring this up to the planning board when he attends their meeting that this one area that they need to work on.

James brought up that the planning board is having a hard time with the members attending the meetings. He wondered about the boards merging. This isn't possible because the planning board works on making the bylaws, the DRB base their decision on the bylaws. Mike will attend the planning meeting, to give them some suggestions.

No other business, Buddy asks for a motion to close the meeting. James motioned/ Scott seconded. Meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted;

Linda Hackett Corey DRB Clerk