

**VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
PLANNING COMMISSION
116 W. Nagonaba St.
Wednesday June 17, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Tyrrell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Verdon, Tyrrell, Frerichs, Gale, Heitler, McCann and Fuller

Public Present

Daniel Caudill and several other callers were present via Zoom.

Staff Present

Cindy Edmondson Recording Secretary

Approval of Agenda

June 17, 2020 approved with 2 amendments to specify time change to 10 am and the inclusion of a tribute to Bill Collins inserted after Mr. Caudill's presentation.

Approval of Minutes

February 18, 2020 minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Two letters of support for Daniel Caudill's proposed dispensary were received one from Bruce Viger and one from Andy and Gloria Thomas.

Public Comments

No Public comment.

Daniel Caudill Presentation

Mr. Caudill gave his presentation with a screen share via Zoom highlighting his plans for the structure and security at the proposed location of 800 N Mill St. in the D-1 commercial district. Copy of the plans attached.

Comments on presentation:

Commissioners Verdon, Frerichs and Heitler commented on the presentation and Commissioner Heitler's comments were on how Mr. Caudill's business acumen speaks for itself and if a dispensary were to be established in Northport we would be lucky to have him as the investor.

There were questions about the intended use of the accessory buildings and remaining land. Daniel responded that there is no intention of ever growing product on the site and the existing buildings on

the site belong to the current owner who will be allowed to continue to live there for \$1 a year with a life lease. His plans for the remaining land include the possibility of the land being donated to the conservancy, but at present there are no definitive plans for the land. When queried about a timeline Mr. Caudill responded that with the November vote ahead he is prepared to move forward if the ballot initiative allows it and the project could be up and running in two to three months.

Mr. Caudill stated that the plans are available for viewing at the village and he would be happy to set up a Zoom presentation for any of the public who wish to view it.

Discussion ensued on procedural policy for the marijuana application and will a public hearing for the special land use permit changes be required? Bill Fuller will gather finding of facts and proceed as deemed necessary per the ordinance requirements. A public hearing for the special land use permit hearing will be set up as soon as the paperwork has been reviewed by the ZA and brought back to the Planning Commission.

Chair Tyrrell asked how prudent it would be to approve this application before the November vote. It was pointed out that the zoning ordinance states that the planning commission has 60 days to approve or deny an application of a site plan from the date of submission to the Zoning Administrator.

Tribute to Bill Collins

Commissioner Verdon read a tribute to Bill Collins honoring his contribution to the Planning Commission. See attached.

Chair Tyrrell stated there will be a gathering at the golf course subject to Chris McCann's approval in Bill's honor at a yet undetermined date.

Zoning Administrator's Report

See copies attached of March and April/May reports.

Village Council Representative's Report

Chair Tyrrell asked if the Council has done anything with the short term rental ordinance the planning commission sent to them. Jane responded that no determination has been made and it has not been sent to committee for review. Chair Tyrrell said she would like to make a complaint that this is the second ordinance that has been sent to the council that has just died without the Council making a formal determination. (Copy of representative's report attached.)

Election of officers

Commissioner Gale moved, Supported by Commissioner Frerichs to nominate Commissioner Verdon to the position of Secretary for the 2020-21 term. **Roll call vote:** Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (0)
Motion carried.

Commissioner Verdon moved, Supported by Commissioner Heitler to nominate Chair Tyrrell to the position of Chair for the 2020-21 term. **Roll call vote:** Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (0)
Motion carried.

Recreation Plan Status

Chair Tyrrell and Commissioner Gale discussed possible ways to update the current Rec Plan. They plan to add the newly adopted 5 Year Marina Rec Plan to the current Rec plan with the understanding that a more thorough update would be completed when the new census numbers become available. Chair Tyrrell will work with the Liaison to query the state if that would be an admissible process.

Zoning Ordinance Edits

Bill Fuller reports his hope is to have the edits complete in the next 2 weeks making them available for the commissioners before the July meeting. See attached edits from the commissioners.

Public Comment

No Public comment.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner's Frerichs, Heitler and Verdon stated that they thought the first PC Zoom meeting went well. Chair Tyrrell agreed and thanked the Village staff for their assistance.

Adjournment

Chair Tyrrell requested a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Verdon so moved, Commissioner Gale seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Edmondson, Recording Secretary