

Plainfield Planning Commission Meeting

July 20th 2020

Present: Will Colgan, Jesse Cooper, Baylen Slote and Karen Storey.
Chris Mureta called in as a guest to explain his proposed Home Occupation

Agenda: Town Plan Hearing , Butcher Shop

Karen made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 6th 2020.

Jesse seconded the motion and it was approved.

Jesse mentioned the recent email message from Jim Volz about the use of the Opera House for the Town Plan hearing. Since Jim was not in favor of opening the Opera House for use he suggested doing a Zoom only hearing for the Town Plan.. Will asked Garrett Baxter from the VLCT about a Zoom hearing and got the response that an in person option for public input is what is recommended and that a hearing without the in person option is not recommended during the Govenor's Emergency Order.

Will suggested using the shelter at the rec field as the public gather place.

He will check the connectivity. If there is enough service there then the other members agreed it was worth looking at for the public portion.

Chris said his proposed butcher shop on 898 Gonyeau Road would do custom butcher work for customers bringing game and farm animals. It won't be a slaughter house. Fall is the busy time; winter and spring are not. A few visits during the week and maybe 3 and 4 on the weekend days during the busy season are what he anticipates for traffic. There would be very little retail business, mostly custom work and deliveries from his opertaion to customers. Marretta's Butcher Shop is the name of the business which is currently located in Montpelier.

Jesse suggesd Chris look at the Home Occupation section in the zoning to get a clear idea of the limitations. Will suggested contacting the neighbors ahead of time to get a feeling of the reaction to the concept of the butcher shop.

He said he would look into the Cottage Industry catagory as something to work towards. He would start as the Home Occupation and move toward the Cottage Industry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting is Monday August 3rd 2020 at a Zoom scheduled meeting.