

EAST ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

PLACE: 120 West Commercial Street, East Rochester Village Offices
DATE: April 12, 2011
TIME: 7:00pm

PRESENT:

Herb Allen, Chairman	Herman Parson, Member
Matthew Hogan, Member	David Schultz, Member
Brandi Marino, Member	Jan Hendrik van Edig, Member
Barb Marr, Member	

Rob Leni, Town Attorney
Larry Pierce, Building Inspector
Tracie Miller, Recording Secretary

NOT PRESENT:

Gary Smith, Parrone Engineering

Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1st Item on Agenda:

320 Cedar Place, parcel #152.31-1-1. Joann and Dave Brokaw were present requesting a Special Use Permit to have three dogs at their residence. Joann Brokaw told the Board that she volunteers at Rochester Animal Control and on January 22 a shepherd-pit bull mix was brought in. Ms. Brokaw fostered the dog through a dog rescue league, which has many stringent requirements for prospective pet owners that made it difficult to find a permanent owner for "Bailey"; therefore, Ms. Brokaw decided to keep her. Ms. Brokaw stated that she has an enclosed yard and works at home. She already has two dogs which are AKC registered "good citizen" dogs.

Ms. Marino felt there was no problem as long as Ms. Brokaw's neighbors didn't have concerns. Ms. Brokaw said she spoke with her neighbors and told them to call the Village before the meeting if they had any concerns. Ms. Brokaw said that she also has chickens. Mr. Hogan asked if there have been any complaints about her animals thus far. Ms. Brokaw said that she has good neighbors and one occasionally knocks on the window. Mr. Pierce stated that he has been to the Brokaw's house and ensured that there were permits on file to harbor the chickens. Ms. Brokaw stated that it was important to her to be a responsible pet owner and a good neighbor. Mr. Leni asked Ms. Brokaw if her dogs were licensed and vaccinated to which Ms. Brokaw replied that they were. Herb Allen explained to Ms. Brokaw that a Special Use Permit is issued for a specific length of time and if there are no complaints during that time, it can be renewed.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit to harbor three dogs for one year, to be revisited after that time. Herman Parson seconded the motion. Voting was 7-0, all in favor.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Barb Marr asked what was happening with the old “Nonna’s sign.” Larry Pierce told Ms. Marr that the issue was in court. Mr. Allen asked about the new sign at Re-Bath - 350 West Commercial Street. Mr. Pierce said he was looking into that issue.

Matt Hogan filled the Board in regarding the Guidance Committee. He said they’ve had two meetings so far and the members are: Jason Koon, Mike Flanigan, Herb Allen, Matt Fox, Eric Schoenhardt, Gene Filiaci and himself (Matt Hogan). The Committee focuses on unkempt buildings on West Commercial Street, focusing on the area off the expressway, and works to improve visual enhancement to attract prospective buyers and renters. Mr. Allen commented that the 1997 Village Comprehensive Plan found the same issues needed to be addressed, but nothing has been done, except the replacement of sidewalks. Mr. Allen commented that Committee members include the Mayor, Village Board Member, Planning Board Members, Zoning Board Member and one member of the business community. Mr. Leni mentioned that Gabe Zanche, another business owner in the community, expressed interest in joining the Committee.

Annual Voting:

Mr. Allen called for the Board to vote on the Vice Chairman and Secretary. He pointed out that the Vice Chairman fills in for the Chairman when he is not available and the Secretary is the liaison between the recording secretary and the Planning Board.

Matt Hogan nominated Barb Marr for Vice Chairman due to her professionalism, dedication and knowledge of the Village. Brandi Marino seconded the nomination. Voting was 7-0, all in favor.

Matt Hogan nominated Brandi Marino for Secretary and Herman Parson seconded the nomination. Voting was 7-0, all in favor.

A motion to approve the March 8th meeting minutes was made by Matt Hogan and seconded by Hendrik van Edig. Voting was 7-0, all in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brandi Marino and seconded by Herman Parson. Voting was 7-0, all in favor of adjourning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Miller

Recording Secretary