

Town of Rockland Planning Board
June 4, 2014

Members present: Chairman Thomas Ellison, Richard Barnhart, Nancy Hobbs, Chris Androla, Carol Park and Joy Wood. Absent: James Severing. Also present were the Town Supervisor, Edward Weitmann and Code Enforcement Officer Glenn Gabbard.

Chairman Ellison opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. On a motion by Richard, seconded by Carol the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Discussion on the situation with Deckertown Motor Sports. Mr. Gabbard continues to received complaints, now from a number of neighbors. The business is continually out of compliance with the conditions set by this board (number of cars parked around the premises; unkept flower bed). This board reviewed the situation in July of 2013 when Mr. Genovese requested an extension of Saturday business hours.

Mr. Gabbard stated that if he were to issue a violation then the code needs to have a penalty attached to defend it. Our code does not state this. He left a message for Ken Klein for his opinion.

This board can suspend the permit but without clarification in the town code the Glenn cannot enforce the issue. A meeting will be scheduled between Ken Klein, the town supervisor, code enforcement officer and Mr. Ellison.

Mr. Gabbard also stated that the Sweet Mountain Berry Farm property is working towards coming into compliance and requesting a certificate of occupancy. Interior work still needs to be completed along with the signage per their special use permit.

The Comprehensive Master Plan needs review, updating and completion. There was discussion on whether or not Mr. Shepstone needs to be involved or if another planner can be secured. There are several areas that need review: zoning map zones, definitions, the I86 corridor, casinos, septic plans (especially near lakes), historical districts and signage laws.

Mr. Weitmann spoke with Patricia Pomeroy about re-forming the committee to review and complete the plan. He will check with Ken Klein about using Mr. Shepstone and scheduling a committee meeting.

Correspondence: our letter to Architect X in response to their request.

Today's meeting is Carol's last one and this board expressed their thanks for her seven years of service to the town. The Town Board will appoint Robert Eckert as her replacement.

There being no further business before the board, Richard made a motion to adjourn, Joy seconded and all were in favor.