

**Starksboro Development Review Board
Hearing/meeting minutes**

7/27/2017

Dan opened meeting at 7:30 PM

DRB Members present-Dan Nugent, Chair, Ben Campbell, Marjorie Dickstein, Jon Fenner, Rob Liotard, Arnell Paquette and Rich Warren.

Others: Samantha Fenner, Kathy Duclos, Susan Klaiber, Donna Lescoe and Dave Wetmore (ZA)

I. Visitor Business- none
Adjustments- None.

II. Review of Minutes:
6/22/2017- Rob moved minutes as corrected, Arnell 2nds, approved 6-yes, 0-no. Jon abstained. Dan signed.

III. Scheduled public hearing/ DRB Business

1. Kit and Karen Harris, application #2017DRB-02-SP/CU, request to hold up to 10 yearly outdoor recreational events, i.e. festivals and concerts. This hearing is continued from 4/27/2017, 5/25/2017 and 6/22/2017.

Dan- re-opened the hearing and noted that applicant has asked for a continuation to September 14, 2017. Applicant is not present. Applicant informed the ZA (prior to meeting) that he will not attend tonight's meeting and that he plans to work with Jason Barnard to pull the application together. The following guests attended tonight specifically for this hearing; Samantha Fenner, Kathy Duclos, Susan Klaiber, Donna Lescoe

General discussion- Jon Fenner asked, how long should this application remain open without the applicant presenting required evidence related to their application? DRB agreed that the applicant needs to make a good effort to present appropriate and relevant evidence to support their application on September 14 or DRB may close hearing and decide based on the evidence they presently have.

Rob moved to continue the Harris application and hearing on September 14, 2017 at 7:45 PM. Jon 2nds. Motion carried 7-yes and 0-no

IV. ther Business-

- 1. Use of Front Porch Forum (FPF)-** Jon suggested that the DRB should use FPF to disseminate information related to applications being considered. Dave expressed concern about this media tool and noted that all notifications and public notices are completed as required by VT Law. Dave suggested posting the legal notice on the website is an option if an appropriate place can be found. Jon noted that there are problems with the website. Dave agreed and stated that Rebecca Elder is working to improve. Rob noted that the challenge is to make residents aware of what is happening in Town. Dave noted that most don't show up but many do call and ask questions. Rich expressed that FPF is a discussion forum and does not serve the public notice requirements the same as a legal notice in the Paper.
- 2. John Hazard subdivision application #2017DRB-07-SD** is scheduled for August 10th.
- 3. Dave has not heard from Hogback Heaven Farms** regarding their request for final subdivision approval or development in FC district.

Adjournment

Rich moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM, Ben 2nds. So moved 7-yes, 0-no.

Date:_____

Approved:_____