Special Meeting

The 1661st meeting of the Town of Stonington's Planning and Zoning Commission was held virtually via WebEx on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner David Rathbun at 7:00pm. Also present for the meeting were Commissioners Gardner Young, Ben Philbrick, and Fred Deichmann; Alternates Charles Sheehan and Ryan Deasy; and Town Planner Keith Brynes. Commissioner Lynn Conway and Alternate Peter Chomowicz were not present.

Seated for the meeting David Rathbun, Gardner Young, Ben Philbrick, Fred Deichmann, and Charles Sheehan.

Correspondence:

Selectwoman June Strunk thanked the commission for their work which has helped the town maintain its AAA bond rating.

Minutes:

Mr. Philbrick moved to approve the 6/30/20 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Young, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Old Business:

PZ2009CAM Masons Island Co. & Masons Island Property Owners Assoc. (P. Biscuti) – Coastal Area Management Site Plan Review application to accompany future zoning permit application for construction of a single-family residence with on-site septic system, driveway, retaining walls and related site improvements. Property located at Great Marsh Rd., Mystic. Assessors Map 180, Block 2, Lot 36F & Great Marsh Rd. private right-of-way. Zones RA-20 & RC-120.

The applicant requested tabling.

Mr. Deasy arrived and was seated in place of Charles Sheehan.

Public Hearing:

PZ2012SUP Capalbo Stonington Realty, LLC (Rise Nutrition) – Special Use Permit application for change of use from Retail-Restaurant to Restaurant (juice bar). Property located at 37 S. Broad St., Unit 9, Pawcatuck. Assessors Map 14, Block 1, Lot 4. Zone GC-60.

Angela Bujnevicie, owner of Rise Nutrition presented the application. They are requesting additional seating from eight currently to up to 40 indoors based on their 40 parking spaces. Mr. Deasy asked whether they currently have outdoor seating. Oliver LeBras stated they have some outdoor seating on the sidewalk that is interior to the plaza and plan to have 3-4 tables.

No Public Comment

Mr. Brynes stated they are eligible for up to 50 seats, which meets the parking requirements. and no negative comments from other commissions and agencies have been received. Decisions to be made are for the requested waivers and the application, itself.

Mr. Philbrick asked if there will be any cooking done on site. Ms. Bujnevicie stated it will just be coffee, shakes, juices, tea, etc.

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Mr. Deichmann moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Philbrick, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Mr. Deichmann moved to approve the application and the waivers, seconded by Mr. Deasy, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Mr. Deichmann moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Young, all in favor 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Ben Philbrick, Secretary