

EDGARTOWN PLANNING BOARD
January 22, 2013 at 5:30 PM
Town Hall – Selectmen’s Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members in attendance: Robert Cavallo, Chairman, Fred Mascolo, Michael McCourt, Robert Sparks, and Alan Wilson.

Staff in attendance: Georgiana Greenough, Assistant

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Mr. Hoehn was not available and will reschedule the ANR application.

Public Hearing: MV Community Services @ Winnetu, 31 Dunes Rd (52-26.1) SP: Katama Conservation District. Request a one-day exemption of certain restrictions to hold Possible Dreams Auction at Winnetu on July 28, 2013 from 3 PM – 9:00 PM.

Those in attendance: John Kennedy, Trustee MVCS, Liza May, Sandra Pimentel, Diane Smadbeck, Lindsay Miner (all associated with the MVCS), and Mike Snider, owner of Winnetu. John Kennedy presented the application. MVCS is bringing forth the request to stage the Possible Dreams Auction at the Winnetu Resort. This event is the signature fund raising event on the Vineyard and has raised millions of dollars for Vineyarders. The event started in Edgartown and continued there for the first 29 events. Recently the event has been held in Oak Bluffs. The MVCS is excited that it may return to Edgartown. The committee thought long and hard about potential sites. The Winnetu would best suit their needs. MVCS is willing to include the neighbors as much as possible. They have successfully staged this event for 35 years. Their intention is to raise money, to provide a satisfying event for supporters and donors, and to leave everyone with a positive impression of the event.

Fred Mascolo said it's the best news he's heard all day. He is glad they are coming back to Edgartown.

Chairman Cavallo asked to have any correspondence read from abutters or others. The assistant read emails from Yanez, Navy Way Road Association, and the MV Community Services letter regarding the mitigation of possible issues.

Fred Mascolo encourages the board to support this request. If the MV Community Services wants to add something, they should be encouraged to come back to the board for approval.

Chairman Cavallo asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak about the application. There was no response. The Chairman closed the public portion of the hearing, and the board deliberated.

The assistant asked Lindsay Miner for the latest copy of the letter to the Planning Board dated January 22, 2013 outlining mitigation for issues that may arise at the event to be held on July 28, 2013. She produced the letter and the assistant asked John Kennedy and Lisa May to sign it on behalf of the MVCS. They did so.

Bob Sparks said the auction does more good for more people than any other organization on the island. He is glad to work with the MV Community Services and hopes the event is a success.

Mike McCourt reemphasized the auction and its positive impact on the island. He said it brings summer residents to help out the community. It is a great effort by everyone involved. For some, it is the highlight of the summer. He listened to and understands the concerns of the neighbors and looks like the committee have worked on the concerns and happy they have worked with the neighbors. great venue - hopefully it's a huge success. Agree with Fred Mascolo, that if there is something else the MVCS needs to make it better, please come back, and let us know.

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve with conditions provided by MVCS. The motion was seconded by Mike McCourt and passed unanimously.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Transient Residential Facility (Continuation)

No one from the public was in attendance.

Chairman opened the continuation for a proposed bylaw amendment to add the definition of “transient resident” and to modify the definition of “transient residential facility” hearing by reading the public notice.

Alan Wilson said any restrictions on number of occupants, would hurt everyone, especially the realtors and homeowners involved with rentals, as well as the families who stay in the rental units. Originally he felt he would like to get a better definition, but after reviewing the options, he doesn't think we can do anything better. He believes it would probably be shot down at town meeting.

Mike McCourt said there would be too many violations to enforce if the Monterosso recommendation were put in place. There are other ways to stop it (enforce it) with the Building Inspector and the Board of Health. Why should we regulate everyone for the one problem we have.

Fred Mascolo said he spoke to people about the Olsson situation. He said Olsson has not done anything wrong yet, but he has advertised it. It's not our fight - it's a BOH and Building inspector problem.

Alan Wilson reported that the Weiss family used to live in the current house and had many parties, in the house and around the pool, creating lots of noise from college kids all night long.

Fred Mascolo said there is some kind of regulation that if the police are called more than once, the owner gets arrested.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to deny the request to change the definitions of “transient residential facility” and “transient resident”. There are already enough regulations in place and the BOH and the Building Inspector are the enforcement agents, and are currently doing their job. Mike McCourt seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Other:

The assistant discussed the members' availability for future meetings. It was determined that the February 19, 2013 meeting needed to be cancelled due to scheduled vacations, and move any applications for hearings to Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgiana Greenough

Robert M. Cavallo, Chairman

Fred Mascolo

Michael McCourt

Robert Sparks

Alan O. Wilson
Edgartown Planning Board

Date signed: _____