St. George Planning Board J.D. Miller Construction Public Hearing Town Office and via Zoom September 13, 2022 Minutes

Chair Cox called the Public Hearing meeting was called to order at 7:21pm. Planning Board Members present were Chair Anne Cox, Anne Cogger, Richard Moskowitz, Michael B. Jordan, Jane Brown and Mary K. Hewlett. Also present were: CEO Terry Brackett, Richard Bates, Veronica Hallowell, Mike Lunt, Chuck Campbell, Jonathan Bailey and Jane Matthews.

Present via Zoom were Adele Welch and Matt Tibbetts-Tibbetts Marine Construction

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Conflict of Interest:

There were no conflicts of interest.

Chair Cox

We will open our public hearing on the David Miller construction office rental. The Planning Board, and abutters were notified. There was an on-site visit yesterday evening. This is a chance for anybody who might have some concerns to make comments.

Veronica Hallowell

Yes, I'm curious. I wasn't able to get to the onsite last night because I was at a soccer game, but I see it every day. We left some things on the table when we left the last meeting such as how many people are going to be working upstairs? How's it going to be run downstairs? So, my biggest concern is privacy. Right now, it's just David and we have no privacy. We have chickens that are out back. On three different nights, (the lights) were on late. I don't know but my son doesn't want to go to the chicken coop anymore because the lights are on and shine right at us. It's probably not intentional. And I'm wondering about noise. Is he going to be doing construction down there all day? He did have a little bit of construction going on when he first bought it. I don't think he's building anything, but they were cutting stuff up and doing stuff and it's loud. I'm curious if he's going to be building all day or whatever. And lastly, it's been low impact with Greg Hupper there and it has been for several years. I'm concerned about taking one business and making it into two in a residential area and going through our right of way. How many cars? How many people? I'm worried about two different businesses being there in a residential area, in an already tight area that's in my backyard.

Chair Cox

I think a lot of these concerns as we go through the site plan review process are issues that we will be addressing and hopefully we are catching what you said. But our site plan should catch most of those concerns and raise them.

Chuck Campbell

I have three letters from other people who live in the neighborhood. They're not direct abutters but I do have three letters that I'll hand out to you if you would like to see them.

Chair Cox

Just so you know, these are all letters from three different neighbors saying they have no problem with what they understand is happening with the property. Anything else?

Veronica Hallowell

Just mind you that Beth lives on the complete opposite side of me. I know that there are others weighing in. They're very good friends with David. I get it. This is my backyard.

Chair Cox

I understand that. That's one reason why we were there yesterday to see the setup and your chickens. Alright, anything else? Then let's close the public hearing section and return to our regular meeting.

At 7:26p.m. the Public Hearing for J.D. Miller Construction was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Taylor Recording Secretary