

APPLETON PLANNING BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2015

Attending: Charlie Buell, Riley Fenner, Jason Gushee, Ed Carroll, David Kelley
Visitor, Arlene Kellman

Ms. Kellman presented a proposed business plan for distributing environmentally friendly cleaning products. She plans to:

- Register the business as an LLC.
- Donate substantial amount of profits to charities, especially local food pantries and others that serve community members living in poverty.
- The only commerce happening at the house would be via the internet.
- Wholesale distribution, and retail at flea markets, fairs, and other public venues.
- There would be no signs for the business.
- If the business succeeds and expands, she would likely rent space elsewhere.
- Mostly selling products produced elsewhere.
- She doesn't expect to need any structural changes to the home.
- There would be no hazardous materials.

The group voted unanimously, finding that Ms. Kellman's business proposal meets the definition of home occupation and does not require site plan review.

Charlie raised questions regarding a recent discussion of the Siegle Family's plan for small scale growing. In hindsight, he wonders if we should have considered guiding them to Site Plan Review?

Riley presented the Town of Appleton Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance, and the group discussed the process by which it was approved and whether or not it is enforceable?

The group discussed the need to develop more concrete criteria for Home Occupation, to avoid ambiguity. Some would like it to be clearly defined. Others were comfortable with the board voting process to decide when a Home Occupation Waiver is relevant.

Charlie reports that he has had calls recently asking if a small business needs to come to the Planning Board for approval. Charlie is reluctant to make any individual decision that a review is not required.

Last month the group looked at grammatical revisions of Site Plan Review. Ed will bring copies of suggested corrections to the next meeting.

Charlie pointed out that the Selectmen have allowed two positions to remain open on the Board: 1 voting member, and 1 alternate. Charlie will raise this with the Selectmen.

Adjourned.