

Appleton Planning Board

October 17, 2022 Meeting minutes

Present: Board members Ed Carroll, Gary Roberts, Greg Dumond, David Kelley, Dan Wyman
Code Enforcement Officer/CEO Peter Conant
Select Board member Peter Beckett

- 1) The minutes of the Board's 9/12/22 meeting were approved.
- 2) Re-opening of restaurant at 48 Peabody Rd, formerly Briar Patch restaurant. Andrew Bridge and Hunter Beggarly appeared for the Beggarly Group LLC and explained that they are planning on opening a restaurant in mid-November. They are planning on the restaurant being open Wed-Sat for dinner and Sunday brunch. Closing time would be 9:30 to 10:00 pm. No live bands, possible weddings. They are currently getting State permits, liquor license and Tax ID/EIN. The health inspection needs to be completed. The site plan review ordinance was reviewed and Section 3 discussed. The Board unanimously agreed that a review was not necessary as no "new" business was being established. It was noted that the Briar Patch's site plan review application was approved in May of 2017 with no issues.
- 3) Affordable housing law. Reference was made to Ed Carroll's 9/12/22 e-mail which forwarded a Drummond Woodsum "Alert" regarding municipal action required. There was a discussion that the Board needs to work on ordinances to comply with the new law. Ed Carroll noted that the new law appears to require that four dwelling units be allowed on any lot. Gary Roberts volunteered to be on a study committee with Select Board representatives and possibly members of the Comprehensive Plan committee.
- 4) Other ordinance work. There was a discussion of possible work on the site plan review ordinance and how best to invite public comment. Peter Beckett suggested that funding might be available for a consultant, in connection with the Comprehensive Plan work.

- 5) The Board noted that Patti Wotton was working with the CEO and an arborist on her tree issues and no Planning Board involvement was needed.
- 6) The meeting was adjourned.