

FARMINGTON PLANNING BOARD
153 Farmington Falls Road
January 11, 2016
Minutes

Planning Board members present were Clayton King, Gloria McGraw, Craig Jordan, and alternate member, Jeff Wright. Lloyd Smith arrived at 6:15 P.M. [after the meeting had been adjourned].

Donna Tracy, Bill Marceau, and Tom Eastler were unable to attend as well as Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Kaiser.

Present were Town Manager, Richard Davis; Code Enforcement Assistant, Jane Ford; and Kim Ward, representing applicant, Steven Marson,

1. Designate alternate members, if needed.

Mr. King designated Mr. Wright as a voting member for this meeting.

2. Review minutes of December 14, 2015

Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2015 as submitted.

Mrs. McGraw seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4 – Affirmative None opposed.
Motion carried.

3. Steven Marson

Pyro City Maine Fireworks
969 Farmington Falls Road [site of the previous Goodwin Well & Water]
Map R01 - Lot 022-A
Site Review Application #16-SR-01

District Manager, Kim Ward, was present to represent applicant, Steven Marson.

Mr. King asked Ms. Ward if she had any additional information to submit and she said, no.

Mr. King then asked for a brief presentation and Ms. Ward said currently Mr. Marson has six stores and this one will be his seventh. She said he has been in the fireworks business for 28 years and he is presently in China buying fireworks for this year and next year.

Ms. Ward said back in 2011, Mr. Marson asked her to put together a safety brochure for the business. She said she did extensive research on pyrotechnics and developed a brochure that other companies began using and added that she was happy to share the information.

Ms. Ward said that last year they developed their latest safety campaign "Respect your Neighbor" which states that after purchasing fireworks and preparing for a firework display, they encourage neighbors to be notified in advance regarding the wellbeing of children, livestock, etc. She said they focus strongly on safety and every customer receives a copy of the safety brochure.

Mr. Wright asked what was required by State Fire Marshal's Office.

Ms. Ward said before they put anything in the store, it needs to be sprinkled. She said the sprinkler system is on order right now. She said they will have two 500 gallon water tanks on site, four fire extinguishers and four water extinguishers. She said there will be a 24 hour surveillance system, an alarm system, and a Knox Box will also be installed for the Fire Department. Ms. Ward said, besides their monthly inspections, every three months the Fire Marshal's Office will check the sprinkler system and they will also check their paperwork annually. She added that the internal and external lights will also be checked on a regular basis.

Mrs. McGraw asked, just out of curiosity, why they chose Farmington.

Ms. Ward said they always require identification because customers must be 21 years of age to purchase fireworks. She said that information, which includes addresses are entered into their computer system. She said they ran a data base to see where the customers were coming from and decided on Farmington because they discovered that many customers from the Farmington area were travelling to Winslow and Manchester to purchase fireworks.

Mr. Jordan said he had no questions and added that he likes to see new business come to town.

Mr. King asked if the State Fire Marshal's Office sets limits regarding the merchandise.

Ms. Ward said they are limited by quantity per shelf space and the State Fire Marshal's Office requires three feet between aisles and they allow five feet for added safety. Ms. Ward said they will also have indoor and outdoor cameras, and outdoor lighting.

Ms. Ward said they will be opened on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and employ one person until April, when they may have up to six employees.

Mr. Davis said that he feels this is a great location.

Mr. King noted that there were no abutters in attendance.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the application as submitted.

Mr. Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4 – Affirmative None opposed.
Motion carried.

4. Other Business

Mr. Jordan said at the December meeting he asked about the horse crossing signs that had been removed by the fairgrounds.

Mr. Davis said he spoke to Public Works Director, Denis Castonguay, in this regard. He also mentioned that the cost of the signs would have to come out of their new budget.

Mr. Jordan said the people associated with the Fairgrounds would pay for the signs and estimated the cost to be about \$100. He also said he would be willing to donate the money for the signs.

Mr. Davis said that would be greatly appreciated and also mentioned that the crosswalks will be painted.

Mr. Jordan suggested the crosswalks be eight feet in width.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Ford.

Planning Board

Date