

**BOOTHBAY HARBOR PLANNING BOARD**

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**August 12, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Swanson  
William Hamblen  
Margaret Perritt  
Tom Churchill  
John Hochstein

CEO, Geoff Smith

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- Meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Churchill at 7:00 p.m.
- Jennie Mitchell, DBA Brady's, 25 Union St., Map 20/Lot 69; Applicant is seeking to amend a previously approved site plan, to accommodate for Covid-19 related realignment of seating, requiring approval by the Planning Board under Chapter 170, Article III, §170-66
  - Jennie Mitchell explained that with Covid-19 separation requirements, business has been difficult, and admitted that while she had made some changes to the deck, and was using space that she wasn't supposed to be, that was only to accommodate for social distancing regulations. Mitchell requested that she be able to use a room in the building currently used for storage as additional seating once her outside deck was closed for the season. This would allow her to have 18 additional seats inside, but would not raise her capacity as a whole, only allow her to continue to keep her staff employed and the business open for the winter. Mitchell said that once the distancing requirements were no longer affecting her seating layout, she would return to her original seating plan. Mitchell reviewed the minor renovations involved in her proposal. Churchill confirmed that this space was incorporated into her lease with the building owner. Chris Swanson discussed the parking for the restaurant, noting that in the original application, a certain number of spots were identified that are no longer available, and noted that the ordinance required 42 spots. There was discussion amongst the Board as to whether parking should be reviewed at this time. Hamblen stated that he would expect that once social distancing requirements are lifted, that the deck and inside seating plans would return

to what was approved in the original application, and Mitchell agreed that it would. The Board approved the application 4-1, without conditions, with Swanson dissenting.

- Churchill told the Board that he would be attending the next Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss some items of importance, such as housing, with regards to upcoming Land Use Code/Comprehensive Plan/Harbor Master Plan discussions. Churchill said that he would bring the Board back input from that discussion.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Tom Churchill

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Geoff Smith, Recording Secretary