

BOOTHBAY HARBOR PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

July 30, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Swanson
William Hamblen
Margaret Perritt
Tom Churchill

Lee Corbin, Second Alternate
CEO, Geoff Smith

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- Meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Churchill at 7:00 p.m.
- Lee Corbin was elevated to a voting member for the meeting.
- Footbridge Brewery, 25 Granary Way, Tax Map 20, Lot 91, applicant is seeking to amend a previously approved permit, requiring site plan review under Chapter 170, Article V, §170-61
 - Owner Dan Pangburn presented the application. Applicant was requesting that outdoor seating in the adjacent alley area be approved, as an amendment to their previous site plan approval. Discussion was had regarding the size of the proposed tables and seating, and the length of the alley to be used. A letter from Fire Chief Nick Upham was reviewed, see attached, that recommended that the Board not approve the application due to fire safety concerns. Chris Swanson felt that approval could result in a tragedy. Lee Corbin asked about whether a truck would be able to access the alley. Pangburn described the stanchions that would be in place, and said that each would weigh approximately 180 pounds. William Hamblen commented that he looked at the property on the Registry of Deeds website, and it looked like there was an easement for the abutter. Swanson made a motion that the application be denied based on the easement and the recommendation of the Fire Chief. Margaret Perrit seconded the motion. Corbin stated that the brewery is a welcome asset to the town, that the Fire Chief had valid arguments but they aren't "the be all and end all", and that the Board should consider the economy, and ingress and egress, felt that the stanchions can be dealt with, and would vote for this application. Swanson said that he disagreed, that lives and safety were

important, and asked if Corbin would want obstacles in the way if her building was on fire. Hamblen stated the due to the proposed use being located within the setback, the Board was unable to allow the proposed expansion, unless the buildings are completely sprinkled. Pangburn said that they were not. Perrit said that she was sympathetic, but can't put a price tag on human life or property. Churchill noted the propane tanks located in the alley, and his concern that smoking could be a danger. Application was denied with a vote of 4-1, with Corbin voting against the motion to deny.

- The Board reviewed a memo that Churchill had drafted to send to the Board of Selectmen, requesting funding be available for planners and/or consultants to assist in reviewing or revising the Codes of the Town of Boothbay Harbor, as well as the Comprehensive Plan, and Harbor Master Plan. The Board agreed that Churchill should send the memo to the Board of Selectmen.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Tom Churchill

Geoff Smith, Recording Secretary