

Planning Board Public Hearing &
Meeting Minutes

October 9th, 2023

7:00 PM

8:00 PM

Board members Keisha Garnett, John Bonanno, & Myles Heard present. Dustin Bachelder, Carol Goode, & Guy Lehouillier are unable to attend.

Three people in the audience present for a short period of time.

Keisha opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM for Mallory Day who is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to own and operate a one-chair hair salon out of the basement of her home located at 349 Notch Road. A motion was made that Myles act as a full voting member for the night, as there are three members absent. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mallory Day spoke on behalf of her request. She explained that her business was pretty straight forward; just her, no employees, with a designated bathroom in the basement for the clients to use. She presented the septic plan that was previously submitted back in 2016 when her house was being built, which was approved for a three-bedroom house and the CEO previously confirmed that it was sufficient for her proposed project. Mallory also submitted a site plan that displayed where there is lighting on the outside of the building, as well as where she would like to place a sign for the business. She previously spoke with the CEO on signage and is aware of the requirements.

Mallory's neighbor was among one of the three people in the audience. She said she is looking forward to this and hopes that it gets approved and stated that she thinks it's a great idea.

Keisha asked Mallory if she had all her state licensing that was necessary for this type of business, and Mallory confirmed that she did and could provide it if needed.

There were no further comments or questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 PM.

The board reviewed the draft Findings of Fact for Mallory that the secretary typed prior to the meeting. Keisha asked Mallory if her business had a name and she stated it was "Serene Waves Salon".

Sections 1.3.2 and 6.7.3.4 of the Findings of Fact were approved with some minor edits by a vote of 5-0.

The board set the following conditions:

- 1. All necessary licenses must be obtained and maintained as required by the state.**
- 2. Must follow all state and local regulations.**
- 3. Any signage must comply with the Hiram Zoning Ordinance.**
- 4. Any changes to the current Conditional Use Permit must be brought back to the Planning Board.**

A motion was made to accept the Findings of Fact with the edits and conditions applied. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Mallory Day to own and operate a one-chair hair salon out of the basement of her home. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Emma stated that she would type up the Conditional Use Permit and make the corrections to the Findings of Fact, and once the chair had signed both, she would call Mallory to stop by the office to sign and pick up her copies.

Meeting minutes from the September 18th meeting were approved with some minor corrections.

The remainder of the meeting, the board members discussed the Marijuana Ordinance. There were some questions on what exactly the Ordinance is trying to enforce and/or control. There is some concern that the Ordinance will not be ready by the first of the year to present at the Annual Town Meeting, because of all the questions and concerns that they keep running into. The board reviewed other local towns' Marijuana Ordinance and liked that some of them were short and sweet, whereas others were pages long.

After some discussion, the board agreed that they would like to meet again when all the board members can be present and discuss how to move forward with the Marijuana Ordinance, and potentially meet with the Selectman to see what their opinion is on the matter.

Emma stated she would follow up with an email to all the board members this week, to schedule a workshop where they can discuss the matter further.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emma Ouellette