

Approved November 5, 2020

**Village of Kinderhook
Planning Board
6 Chatham Street
Kinderhook, New York, 12106
Minutes of October 1, 2020**

- Present via Zoom: Chairman Kevin Monahan, Susan Patterson, Bruce Charbonneau, Tina Lang, Village Attorney Rob Fitzsimmons, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Bujanow, Village Board Liaison Mark Browne, Secretary Carol van Denburgh, Village Board Trustee Dorene Weir, Jennifer Ose-MacDonald.
- Absent: Abram Van Alstyne
- Call to Order: No workshop items. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
- Minutes: B.Charbonneau motions to approve Planning Board minutes of July 09, 2020. T.Lang seconds; all in favor.
- Funds remaining: \$2058.16
- Correspondence: Email from Renee Shur dated September 30, 2020, regarding planning board application update and consideration of “landscaping and screening” as part of that application.
- Old Business: Planning Board Application for amendments and updating. From last PB meeting of July 9, 2020, B.Charbonneau was to review proposed Planning Board application and suggest changes. Would be helpful to discuss the one that has been submitted and discuss what we like/dislike. B.Charbonneau discusses the requirement of notarized statements on the application which slows things up. S.Patterson and K.Monahan both agree that this is unnecessary. R.Fitzsimmons states no need to be notarized by applicant. If a contractor comes in on behalf of a homeowner, a letter of designation would be needed so we make sure someone with authority is speaking on behalf of the homeowner. S.Patterson asks about signature of Code Enforcement Officer on the document or is the fact he is bringing to the PB enough. B.Charbonneau feels that is enough as we have managed not to do this without ill consequences. This will speed up to minor projects but it does not go to more complex issues such as a subdivision. M.Browne states that the Town has a checklist for what applicants should submit. B.Charbonneau says that requires someone at the front end being able to determine what is needed. M.Browne will share with the checklist with the PB members. C.van Denburgh states that we will keep this proposed Planning Board application on the next agenda as old business and keep it as a working document.
- New Business: Proposed Zoning Law LL#7 amending the Code of the Village of Kinderhook as to allowable Agricultural Uses. B.Charbonneau asks where this came from. C.van Denburgh states that Former Mayor Jim Dunham asked that the PB review this. R.Fitzsimmons states that the Village Board had a discussion and they wanted to make the two categories of agricultural uses on the use table permitted uses rather than have them reviewed. The idea is that we are in an agricultural district and agricultural uses should be allowed. B.Charbonneau states it makes it permitted and no review by the PB

unless 16J is breached. Not sure what the intent here is if they want to allow everyone to have a garden with minimal hassle, he would support that. J.Ose-MacDonald states she went to the Village Board about a year ago and brought up this topic. We are in the epicenter of Lyme disease in the nation. Having the ability to have fowl such as chickens and guineas in your yard is a natural deterrent to Lyme disease without having to use chemicals and pesticides. Also good for children for future farmers and 4H to be able to have a chicken in the backyard. B.Charbonneau brings up 13J. J.Ose-MacDonald is requesting one additional change. 13J was passed in 1977 when the Village looked a lot different than it does now and the lots are now very small. She feels the 25' restriction will keep people from having chickens. B.Charbonneau also states there is a 200' setback for the chicken coop. J.Ose-MacDonald states if the goal is to enable a small amount of animal husbandry, changes can be made, such as eliminating the setbacks and making the proposed code changes. R.Fitzsimmons says if that is the PB's recommendation, he can make it to the Village Board. M.Browne says a discussion on guinea hens versus just chickens should happen as the Town has had complaints about the guinea hens being noisy. Should this cover all fowl? S.Patterson discusses roosters and some people may object to them. B.Charbonneau says the last time they had a special use permit request for fowl, turkeys were objected. K.Monahan asks if we have a limit to the number of fowl or can that be written in? R.Fitzsimmons states the Town of Claverack limits animal husbandry to 5 or less. K.Monahan is aligned with this just wants to be careful with the numbers and types of fowl. R.Fitzsimmons states you can reduce the footage limitations of 200' and 25' or we can put in an animal husbandry specific definition that allows a certain number of animals. M.Browne suggests the Planning Board come to a common mind first and then make a recommendation to the Village Board. J.Ose-MacDonald discusses when you buy chickens from Tractor Supply, you can't buy less than six at a time. Sometimes you can buy them sexed but it is not fool-proof. If purchased online, you have to buy at least a dozen. No additional comments from the Planning Board members. Will work on the writing of this for the next PB meeting.

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Adjournment

7:27 PM - T.Lang moves to adjourn; seconded by S.Patterson. All in favor.

Carol van Denburgh

Secretary to the Planning Board