

PUBLIC HEARING and

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HOPE PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Langley Willauer shortly after 6:30 p.m..
2. Members present: Robert Hall, Juanita Hunt, Molly Luce, Lewis Merrifield, Harold Mosher, and Langley Willauer.
3. Others Present: Mark Dierckes, Dan Ford, Seth Haskins, Samantha Mank, and Mark Benjamin, members from BOTANY.
4. New Business: Public Hearing regarding site plan review for Ford Enterprises. Dan Ford wants to move his present business to a better and safer location than his present one. A motion was made by Luce, seconded by Hunt to approve the project with the following conditions: (1) Leave a 400-foot minimum of natural woods in place between Camden Road and the cleared area in the back, (2) Leave a minimum 50-foot natural wood buffer between the driveway and the easterly property line, (3) During construction, erosion control practices will follow Best Management Practices (BMP's) and consist of a silt fence, erosion control mix, erosion control mat where necessary, silt socks where necessary, staked hay bales, as well as spreading mulch hay where necessary, (4) Once site work is complete, permanent vegetation will be established to protect disturbed areas, maintain runoff, and protect natural vegetation, (5) Once gravel pad and buildings are complete, a surface swale will be installed on the uphill side of the property to divert water around the area, and towards the middle of the property, where the surface water already drains to and eventually crosses Camden Road through a culvert, (6) The driveway will have adequate cross culverts to allow water to go where it wants to go naturally, (7) If more than 100 cu yards of sand/salt are on site, follow State law. (8) Follow noise rules (Land Use Ordinance 5.3.21.1.) noise shall not exceed 75 decibels between the hours of 8a.m. and 9p.m. (9) Fuel tanks will comply with State regulations. (10) Sand/salt storage will be a permanent structure. Motion passed with vote 6-0 to accept.

5. Botany – Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation discussion with regard to Hope’s Land Use Ordinance. Botany and Seth Haskins are seeking to change or amend the present Land Use Ordinance to change “Medical Marijuana Cultivation” to “Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation.” Motion by Luce, seconded by Mosher, to say that from a Land-Use perspective, there is no difference between Medical and Adult-Use Marijuana. Vote for the motion 5 – 1. Merrifield voting no.

6. Adjournment: Motion by Hunt, seconded by Mosher to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Vote 6 – 0 to adjourn.