

TOWN OF CLARKSON
PLANNING BOARD – MINUTES

October 2, 2012

Board Members

Don Osborne, Chair *
John Jackson *
Scott Hanco, Acting Chair
Dave Virgilio
Tom Schrage

Support Board Members

Richard Olson, Town Attorney *
John Paul Schepp, Town Engineer *
Chad Fabry, Building Inspector/CEO
Ursula Liotta, Administrative Assistant
*excused

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. S. Hanco led in the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER

D. Virgilio and C. Fabry reviewed the DRC meeting they attended earlier that evening regarding Sara's Garden Center. Steve Kepler, one of the owners of Sara's, had presented his plan for expansion, which included, in part:

- to improve parking
- a proposed stand for seasonal sale of ice cream, baked goods/coffee
- to offer garden tours and provide space for weddings/receptions
- to host a public farmers market on weekends from July-October
- to sell propane

C. Fabry stated that any future building plans will be referred to the Building Department for permits. It was suggested that the Town establish a code to cover farm stands in Clarkson that have morphed to what they are today, i.e. they are operating outside of the "farm stand" exemption, since they are not producing a majority of the products that they sell. The Town does not have a defensible position for where Sara's and other farm stands in Town are right now. Established criteria for a Special Use Permit specific to the farm stands in Clarkson, will indemnify them for their current status.

S. Kepler will prioritize a list of what he wants to do; C. Fabry will evaluate the same with him, and advise him regarding what is required to obtain a permit(s).

C. Fabry has contacted the Department of Ag & Markets and requested a copy of its model code for "agri-tourism". U. Liotta will also contact General Code.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

D. Virgilio made a motion to approve the September 18, 2012 minutes; second by T. Schrage; unanimously carried.

NEXT MEETING October 16, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT D. Virgilio made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.; second by T. Schrage; unanimously carried.

Approved 10-16-12

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula M. Liotta
Administrative Assistant