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John Vandersluis
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TOWN OF MENDON

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 27, 2017

Present: John Vandersluis, Bill Ambrosino, James Quirk. Absent: Barry Iadarola and Damon Tinio

Bill opens the meeting at 7:05PM.

John makes motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting for November 13, 2017 as written; John seconds, all approved.

7:15PM Bill opens the Public Hearing for the Zip Line located at Southwick Zoo, 5 Southwick Street by reading the add posted in the Milford Daily News.

Plans presented and explained by Andrews Surveying, Uxbridge MA and reviewed by Town consultant Jeff Walsh of Graves Engineering.

Discussion focused mainly on the height of the tower and provisions for safety procedures if an emergency were to occur. Specifically discussed were the procedures to access the zip line if this were necessary due to ride failure and achieve safe removal of patrons.

There was an inspection by Mendon Fire Department Members Mike Zarella and Charles Phipps which indicated access was available and the zoo had acquired 2 lifts that would reach the tower. They would also have District 7 Technical Rescue team review.

Discussion continued regarding the Mendon Zoning By-laws including Storm Water Management. In the report from Town Consultant Jeff Walsh, it was determined there would be no impact on Storm Water Management. The board also discussed the height of the tower and determined it did not meet the maximum height requirements per the zoning by-laws and a waiver would be required. The

boards concerns about the safety, setbacks and fall zones were discussed and Board members felt the concerns were considered and met.

The applicant also advised this application had undergone scrutiny from the State as required for this type of entertainment ride and received an approval.

Per the Town Consultant Jeff Walsh review, several correction needed to be made on the plan.

John makes the motion to close the Public Hearing; James seconds, all approved.

A Motion was then voted on and approved. The Motion was then amended to include that the motion would become effective upon corrected documents supplied to the board.

Jim makes motion to close the meeting at 7:56PM; John seconds, all approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Ambrosino

Planning Board Chairman