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MINUTES OF MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MAY 3, 2019

Present: Barry Iadarola, James Quirk, John Vandersluis, Damon Tinio, Bill Ambrosino
Atty. Cynthia Amara

Chair Ambrosino opens meeting at 6:00PM

Chair announces that meeting will go into Executive Session to discuss strategy/response regarding the 3 Open Meeting Law complaints filed by Kristen Auclair on April 23, 2019, because he believes a discussion in open session will be detrimental to the Board's position.

Roll call:

John Vandersluis– yes

Barry Iadarola– yes

James Quirk– yes

Bill Ambrosino– yes

Damon Tinio entered Executive Session after roll call was completed.

Atty Amara questioned the board about the issues raised in the 3 complaints.

Bill maintains meeting original posting accurately explained the purpose of the Planning Board meeting was to discuss the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments and discussion regarding impact on Zoning Map and changes of use was related to the discussion.

The Board stated that the hearing on the proposed expansion of the HB (Highway Business) district included a discussion of the types of businesses, including but not limited to recreational marijuana that would be allowed in the proposed HB district.

There was never a question regarding the room being over capacity. The occupancy limit for the room is 49 and there were fewer than 49 people in attendance.

Bill explained that there was never an issue with people being able to enter the room or participate in either of the two scheduled public hearings. Bill asked if everyone could hear and no one complained. Everyone who wished to speak during the public hearing was allowed to do so. Ms. Auclair chose to leave when Bill announced that the zoning bylaw hearing would be continued until after the second public hearing scheduled on the agenda took place.

Barry makes motion to allow Atty Cynthia Amara respond to the three complaints that were filed; James, seconds, all approved.

Barry makes motion to come out of Executive Session to open session: John seconds, all approved.

Bill does roll call to come out of Executive Session:

John Vandersluis– yes

Barry Iadarola- yes

James Quirk– yes

Damon Tinio– yes

Bill Ambrosino– yes

Barry makes motion to close the meeting at 6:45pm; James seconds, all approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Wellman

Administrative Assistant