

Glastenbury Planning/Zoning Board Minutes

August 24, 2020

Attending: Board Members Cinda Morse, Chair; Michael White; Mike Gardner; and Jerry Mattison. Also attending Catherine Bryars BCRC; Ricky Harrington, Glastenbury Town Supervisor and the following members of the public: Travis Buttle, Andrew Hunt, Paul Ducette Bennington Police Chief, Richard Watkin, and Robert Farmworth.

This Zoom meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm by Chair Cinda Morse.

The agenda was reviewed, and no board member had a conflict with anything on this agenda.

Minutes of February 19, 2020 were approved as presented in a motion by Jerry seconded by Mike G.

Minutes of August 19, 2020 – Public Hearing for the proposed Glastenbury Bylaw update – were approved as presented in a motion by Mike W. seconded by Jerry.

The Public Comments section of the meeting was opened with the clarification that this was not an opportunity to continue the Bylaw update public hearing while reminding attendees that there would be at least one and possibly two more opportunities to give comments on the Bylaw – one if this board makes significant changes and thereby needs to hold another public hearing and two at the legislative hearing once an approved Bylaw update is forwarded. There were no public comments.

Discussion of the Public Hearing Comments received on 8-19-20 resulted in consensus among the board that two issues needed to be addressed – the definition of the term “third party” and the actual permitting process. As worded, the term “third party” has broader implications than intended and the permitting process is more burdensome than is useful. The goal is to preserve the character of Glastenbury as outlined in the Town Plan. While specific language was not finalized, the three categories that we want to guide the “third party” definition are:

- That the third party is not the property owner (question as to whether the property owner on site changes anything)
- That the activity is organized (any group or non-profit)
- That the activity is recurring, and (exact same activity, related activity, or any activity organized by same group)
- The size of the group (10 – 15)

The board will continue to work on third party definition language and once complete, review the permit process. Once all changes are made, council will review again and another Planning/Zoning Commission public hearing will be warned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 in motion made by Mike G. seconded by Jerry.

Respectfully submitted, Cinda Morse Chair