

## **EPPING, NH PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY February 11, 2016**

**PRESENT** – Joe Foley, Heather Clark, Brian Reed; Selectman Tom Dwyer; Planner Brittany Howard; Secretary Phyllis McDonough.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Foley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Change of Use  
**Owner/developer:** Huntspoint Meats & BBQ  
**Location:** Calef Highway, Tax Map 029 – Lot 290

Chairman Foley read notice of a Change of Use by Huntspoint Meats & BBQ. Abutter present: John Hennely from Travel Top.

Lovely Love, owner of Huntspoint Meats & BBQ came before the Board with the proposal for a change of use restaurant. She explained she has rented Unit D at 114 Claef Highway, which was previously a Chinese Restaurant, and would like to combine the unit that was previously Travel Top.

Chairman Foley noted this is to expand the size of the restaurant, and the only issue is parking. Love noted there are 44 parking spaces in the whole lot. She explained they are currently only doing take out and wants to continue to do primarily takeout before 6:00 pm. She stated she would like to have 65 seats, which was agreed by the Fire Department; the Health Department said they would agree to 75 seats

Clark asked what hours will be dinner hours. Love explained starting from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, before that customers pick up and take-out; Saturday, Sunday and holidays 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Selectman Dwyer asked if seating would be allowed during the day. Love stated they will not have service during the day. Dwyer explained once there is seating people will come and sit to eat. Love explained they are open from 11:00 am to 2:00pm or 3:00pm for lunch at this time and said there will not be any staff to wait on tables. Dwyer reiterated that customers will order their meal and sit at a table. Selectman Dwyer stated this will have the business open from 11:00am until closing and even though there is take out, that will change.

Reed noted there is not enough parking at the location, and questioned how the owner and other tenants feel.

Howard explained if everyone was open at the same time, based on the calculations, there would only be 32 allowed in this restaurant. Love explained with Pam's restaurant, they have opposite hours. Chairman Foley explained Pam's is not restricted to hours of operation and that could change.

Reed asked Hennely about traffic to Travel Top. Hennely stated most traffic, in and out, is from 15 minutes to half hour. Clark asked what is currently on site now, do clients complain. Hennely stated the parking issues need to be addressed, and other than that he has no complaints.

Clark asked Love what the dinner hours she is requesting. Love requested hours from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Selectman Dwyer suggest to Hennely to ask landlord to designate parking spots for Travel Top.

Selectman Dwyer moved, Clark seconded the motion to approve the restaurant for 40 seats, and if need more can come back before the board; also have the landlord designate parking spots for Travel Top and State Farm. The motion carried unanimously.

Reed Moved, Clark seconded the motion on hours of operation 11:00 am to 11:00 pm., seven days a week. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Foley suggesting adding a restriction prior to 6:00pm the seating area can only be a required number of seats that requires the restaurant to be only a take out. The Board disagreed on the restriction.

Chairman Foley informed Love, if there are any issues on parking she will be called back before the Board. Love agreed.

**MINUTES OF 1/7/15 FOR APPROVAL** – Clark moved, Reed seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried; Selectman Dwyer abstained.

**PLANS & MYLAR FOR SIGNATURE – RE: LIMPERIS/SELT** – The Plans & Mylar were duly signed.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Clark moved, Reed seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Phyllis McDonough  
Planning Board Secretary

**NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS MARCH 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**