Present: Trustees - Bill Spears, Jr., Guy Breault, Adam Goss, Leonard Charron

Staff – Caroline Marcy

Zoning Administrator - Angela Wright

Planning Commission - Michael Gervais, Amanda Cronin, Steve Comeau

Public – Greg Abbott, Michelle Pelkey, Jennifer Bright, Sandra Ferland

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair, Adam Goss at 6:35 p.m.

Adam Goss read the hearing notice.

All present were sworn in and signed the Sign-In Sheet.

Adam opened the meeting to public comment.

Greg Abbott gave a brief history of his business and recent activities. He was not aware at first that the in-door auction house violated Village zoning laws. Now that he is aware, he is working with the Planning Commission and Village Trustees to take the steps necessary to bring his business into compliance. He continued to state that he has received favorable comments from those who attend his events and believes that they contribute to the economic growth in the area. He usually has approximately 80 people in attendance who come mainly for the entertainment.

Michael Gervais stated that, although he couldn’t speak for the whole Planning Commission Board, the general consensus was that the Board tried to look at the in-door auction house issue overall and not Greg Abbott’s specific case. The consensus was that in-door auction houses are a favorable draw for the community as long as it was done with insight. Consequently, the Planning Board supports changing this activity from a restricted use to a conditional use. This would allow for conditions to be set to ensure this type of activity could be conducted as responsible as possible and still be a positive event for the community.

Angela Wright cautioned that when a restricted activity continues in violation of current zoning regulations, even if it is supported by the community, that fines and penalties will continue to accrue.

Sandra Ferland queried the Board regarding the next steps involved in this process. She specifically asked if this proposed amendment would affect other districts other than the Central Business District.

Angela responded that this amendment would only pertain to the Central Business District.

Michael Gervais stated that the Planning Commission was in the process of reviewing and revising the complete Land Use and Development Regulations but, at this time, this amendment would only apply to this very specific use and district.

There being no further comment, Leonard Charron made the motion to adjourn the hearing. Seconded by Guy Breault. Motion passes unanimously and the hearing adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Marcy, Director of Finance

***These minutes were approved as written at the July 14, 2015 Trustee Meeting.***