Town of North Canaan

100 Pease Street, North Canaan CT

Planning and Zoning

Regular Meeting

Present: Chairman Mike O'Connor, Dalton Jacquier, Walt Schneider, Kaitlin Ohlinger, Alternate Tucker Whiting, ZEO George Martin

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:11pm and seated Mr. Whiting as a voting member.

Chairman had no opening remarks.

Mr. Jacquier moved to approve the minutes from last month. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ZEO Report: Mr. Martin read the report into record. Report was sent to all members.

Old Business:

Regulations: Chairman O'Connor explained the process for new members. He would like the board to begin looking through the regs and if anything needs to be discussed, changed, added, deleted they should bring it to the meeting. Initially started with definitions.

Special permit for 107 East Canaan Road, Amanda Levesque, cottage industry. ZEO Martin stated Ms. Levesque filled out all of the necessary paperwork and notified neighbors for the public hearing, got State approval and Torrington Area Health sign off. Location needed a special permit. She is proposing selling at vendor events. No one will be coming to purchase at her house. **Mr. Jacquier moved to approve the special permit. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

New Business:

2027 Meeting dates: Mr. Schneider moved to accept the meeting dates as read. Mr. Whiting seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2 year moratorium on data centers and battery storage systems: Mr. Schneider had information to share with the board and stated it is very alarming and likely not something wanted in this area. Chairman O'Connor's concern is with just banning an activity without research. Everything has a proper location. A 2 year moratorium would allow time for the board to do research and look at regulations. There was a discussion of use of water and power. We would be able to see what happens at a state level as well as what other towns

around us do. Ms. Ohlinger would support a complete ban, but a moratorium would be a good reasonable place to start. Chairman O'Connor stated we can always shorten the moratorium as well. **Chairman O'Connor moved to go forward with a 2 year moratorium on data centers and battery storage systems in North Canaan. Mr. Jacquier seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: Bernie Re asked if the board would be gathering information from the public while researching during the moratorium and be able to give their input on the changing situation. Chairman O'Connor explained they need to keep an open mind about it but will absorb everything that is in the public news and what the surrounding areas do.

Mr. Jacquier moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Whiting seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea Odell

Recording Secretary

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Town Clerk