Town of North Canaan
Planning and Zoning
Public Hearing
September 12, 2022

Present: Chairman Tim Abbott, Peter Brown, Mike O’Connor, Ed Capowich, Jesse Bunce

Chairman Abbott called the public hearing to order at 7:03pm and seated Alternates Ed Capowich and Jesse Bunce for members Doug Humes and Dalton Jacquier.

Chairman Abbott opened the meeting by explaining that this hearing will not be followed by the regular meeting due to a clerical error in which the meeting did not get advertised. The workshop is scheduled for 2 weeks from tonight. The public will be invited to that and will be allowed to speak at the end, but there will be no back and forth during the workshop itself.

This public hearing is for the presentation of 96 Main Street. The presenter is not currently in attendance.

Mr. O’Connor moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Martin explained that the applicant was advised of the hearing in several ways. Currently there is no application on file. At this time the applicant arrived for the hearing. Mr. O’Connor moved to withdraw his motion. Mr. Brown seconded this. No further discussion. Motion approved.

John Considine presented his plans for 96 Main Street. Mr. Considine presented the receipts for the certified letters sent to abutters, with 1 green card returned. A discussion ensued regarding the green cards not coming back yet and an explanation that this hearing is an opportunity for the abutting property owners to speak. Mr. Considine explained that he was told that the receipts were acceptable. The Chairman also explained that no action would be taken this evening as the regular meeting was not occurring. Explanations regarding the practice of not acting the same night as a public hearing were discussed. Therefore, even if there was a meeting doesn’t mean they would have approved or denied it tonight.

Mr. Martin reviewed the materials presented and stated that he felt everything was in order. In hand was the application with the Wetlands sign off, the check. Discussion ensued of continuing the public hearing giving ample time for abutters to receive letters and to have time to speak at the hearing next month. Mr. Martin stated as long as the hearing is completed in 35 days. The building front is being kept as it is and will have 2 apartments.

Mr. O’Connor made a motion to continue the public hearing to next month. Mr. Bunce seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Mr. O’Connor made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Capowich seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary