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WAITSFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 @ 7:00pm Meeting to be held in-person and via Zoom

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THIS MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE BOTH IN-PERSON AT THE TOWN OFFICES OR REMOTE VIA ZOOM. TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9190265312
Meeting ID: 919 026 5312
Or call: 1 929 205 6099

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. REVISIONS TO AGENDA, IF ANY
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM
- 4. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION
- **5. Application** #4166-CU by John Morris off 9 VT Route 17, Waitsfield VT. Applicant requests expansion of existing conditional use approval to operate a beer garden on a mixed-use property consisting of a nursery, various outbuildings and, in conjunction with its sister parcel, the future Mad River Valley Recreation Hub. The parcel is parcel is identified as #99168.100 in the Irasville Village District.
- **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** February 27, 2024
- 7. ADJOURNMENT
- 8. DELIBERATIONS

Documents related to the above item(s) are available for review in the Town Office, on the town website, and via email. Reasonable accommodations shall be provided upon request to ensure that the meeting is accessible to all individuals regardless of disability. Please contact the Planning & Zoning Office and at 496-2218 x4 for more information.



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

STAFF REPORT by J.B. Weir for March 12, 2024 Meeting

Application #: 4166-CU
Land Owner: John Morris
Property Address: 9 VT Route 17

Parcel Number: 99168.100 in the Irasville Village District

Meeting Dates: March 12, 2024

Proposal/Type: Expansion of existing conditional use approval to

operate a beer garden on mixed-use properties

consisting of a brewery, vacant restaurant, apartments,

and an approved recreation hub.

A. GUIDING ORDINANCE and POLICY PROVISIONS

1. <u>Town of Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws</u>, as adopted March 2, 1971 and amended through January 8, 2024:

a. Table 2.03 Irasville Village District

b. Section 3.09 Parking and Loading Standards

c. Section 4.08 Mixed Uses

d. Section 5.03 Conditional Use Review

2. Waitsfield Town Plan, as adopted on October 9, 2023.

B. MATERIALS SUBMITTED

- 1. On February 11, 2024, the applicant submitted Conditional Use application # 4166-CU, Zoning Permit application # 4166, Responses to General and Specific Review Standards, and an aerial map of the subject properties.
- 2. On March 8, 2024, the PZA included in the file various site and parking plans from the Mad River Valley Recreation Hub (VOREC) project submittal.

C. PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The 3.7-acre property is located off 9 VT Route 17 and consists of a nursery (Appalachian Landscaping), various outbuildings and the future Mad River Valley Recreation Hub.

- 2. The subject property along with its sister abutting parcel #99169.000 has been approved for the creation of the so-called Mad River Valley Recreation Hub. The new proposed use is as a trailhead linking to existing trails on private land and the nearby Howe Block of the Camel's Hump State Forest. Parcel #99169.000 is already a mixed-use property which consists of a currently-vacant restaurant/bar, brewery, retail, visitor's center, and 4 apartments.
- 3. Applicant now proposes to expand the existing conditional use to operate a part/time seasonal beer garden on parcel #99168.100 which would primarily serve users of the recreation hub. Applicant proposes operation during the warmer months for a maximum of 4 days/week and for 4-5 hours per day.
- 4. Per applicant's submittal, the only structures to be used in operation of the beer garden are an existing 12 x 12 shed and several pop-up canopy tents.
- 5. Applicant does not propose any lighting at this time given daytime operation.
- 6. Pursuant to this Board's decision in application #3567-CU, applicant was approved to operate a brewery Cousin's Brewing out of the basement of the existing mixed-use building consisting of the restaurant/bar, brewery, retail, visitor's center, and 4 apartments. The Cousin's Brewing product is what applicant intents to sell for on-site consumption in the beer garden. Minimal food service is also proposed. Food is proposed to be prepared within the restaurant kitchen by a tenant catering service.
- 7. Pursuant to the decision in application #4137-CU, the Board approved the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge on a portion of the property over the Mill Brook within the Flood Hazard Overlay District and FEMA floodway. Constituting part of the recreation hub project, the bridge is to serve as access to existing trails on private land and the nearby Howe Block of the Camel's Hump State Forest.
- 8. Pursuant to the decision in application #4138-CU, the Board approved a request to expand the parking on the property by creating an additional 18 spaces and to restore the riparian buffer adjacent to the Mill Brook. The parking was increased to a total of 80 spaces to serve users of the recreation hub.
- 9. Applicant submits that most customers will be users of the trailhead/recreation hub. Accordingly, any impact to the prior-approved 80 parking spaces is likely minimal.

- 10. Applicant submits that there will be no amplified noise generated from operation of the beer garden. There will be no noise after 9:00 p.m.
- 11. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024. Notice was sent to *The Valley Reporter* on February 27th, 2024, and it appeared in the February 29th, 2024 issue of *The Valley Reporter*. Abutting property owners were sent notice on February 27th, 2024.

Town of Waitsfield Conditional Use Permit Application Town of Waitsfield, 4144 Main Street, Waitsfield, Vermont 802-496-2218 Please complete both front and back portions of this form and submit to the Zoning Administrato

(Please complete both front and back portions of this fo	orm and submit to the Zoning Administrator)
Owner/Applicant:	Telephone #'s: 802-793-6244
(If not owner, letter from owner authorizing agent status is require	ed.)
Mailing Address: 9 VT ROUTE 17, W	NTSCIELD VT 05673
Location of Property: SAME AS AGOVE	Parcel ID #: 99/68, 100
Flood Hazard Zone?/UÓ Area/Acreage of Lot	= 3.5
Proposed use, activity, construction, etc. (check applicable item):	
Access approval (see 3.02) Building height extension (see 3.06) Commercial water extraction (see 4.04) Expansion of non-conforming structure (see 3.08.A) Flood hazard area review (see FHA Overlay District) Mixed Use (see 4.07) Non-residential parking in front yard (see 3.09.A) Public facility (see 4.10) Sign (see 3.11.G.) Unspecified parking approval (see Table 3.1)	Adaptive re-use of historic barn (see 4.02) Change to a non-conforming use (see 3.08.B) Expansion of existing conditional use Extraction of earth resources (see 4.05) Home business (see 4.06.B) Mobile home park (see 4.08) Parking or loading waiver (see 3.09.C) Telecommunication facility (see 4.11) Other
Please describe the proposed change: PART-TIME, SEASO	NAL BEER GARDEN (SUMMER)
□ Please attach one 11"x17" maximum site plan and all other docume Bring one set of 18"x 24" or larger site plans to the meeting.	
□ Please provide the names of adjacent property owners (use additional each. HADLEY AND BLOWE LASKBUSK)	
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SISTERS AND BROTHERS INVESTMENT	
INERGY PROPANELLC	
NNORTH ROMANI LLC	
GRACE MIDELS	
(Please complete the next p	age of this form.)
Please note that this application does not autom Contact the Permit Specialis I represent that the information in the application is true and that I am	st at 802-476-0195.
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Signature:	Date: 2/11/24
Please print: JOHN & MORRIS	
Office Use On	ly
Application Number: 4166 - CU Da	ate Referred: 2/17/24
(from Zoning Application)	urb Cut Required:
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Meeting date(s): 3/12/14	
Decision:	

Development Review Board (DRB) shall determine and rule that such proposed conditional use will not adversely affect the following general standards. Please respond to each of the following:
A. The capacity of existing or planned community facilities: WE DON'T RELIEVE THE PROJECT AFFECTS AND SERVICES ON FACILITIES. ON-SITE FACILITIES ARE ALREADY IN PLACE.
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B. The character of the area affected: THE AREA IS BEING OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE, WITH UPOMING TRAIL HUB, SO LUE DON'T BELIEVE THE CHARACTOR WILL CHANGE
ACTIVITY. WE ANTICIPATE MOST BUSINESS FROM TRAIL HUB
C. Traffic on roads and highways in the vicinity:
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SCHEDULE - WARM WESTHER MONTHS.
D. Any land use or land development regulations or ordinances of the town of Waitsfield then in effect:
E. Utilization of renewable energy resources.

General Standards. According to Article V, Section 5.03 of the Waitsfield Zoning By-Law, the

Note: Each zoning district and many of the proposed uses have specific standards that must be met for a conditional use permit. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Specific Standards. In addition to the General Standards above, the DRB shall consider whethe	r the
following standards are applicable to the application due to site conditions and/or the scale and in	ntensity of
the proposed use. Please respond to the following as applicable; use additional sheets as necessar	rry:

1. Protection of natural resources (see Section 5.03.D.1.). INDED ARED IS 100'AWAY FROM MILLBROOK, WHICH IS THE ONLY ROPLICABLE RESOURCE. AND BOVERSE IMPACT THAT WOULD REQUIRE
MITTERTION.
2. Design and location of structures (see Section 5.03.D.2.). EXISTING 12×12' SHED, AND SEVERAL POP-UP CANDDY TYPETENTS WILL BE THE ONLY STRUCTURES USED.
2.a. Village Residential and Village Business District standards (see Section 5.03.D.2.a.)
2.b. Irasville Village District standards (see Section 5.03.D.2.b.)
2.c. Agricultural-Residential and Commercial Lodging District standards (see Section 5.03.D.2.c.)
2.d. Route 100 and scenic roads standards (see Section 5.03.D.2.d.) BEER GARDEN LOCATION IS SET BACK 300 GEET FROM PLT 100, AND SCREENED BY EXISTING LANDSCAPE AND TOPOGRAPHY

3. Traffic and pedestrian circulation (see Section 5.03.D.3.). WE BULIEVE THIS HAS ALREADY BUEN ADDRESSED IN TRAIL HUB DERMIT
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4. Parking, Transit & Service Areas (see Section 5.03.D.4.). WE BELIEVE THIS HAS ALREADY BLEW ADDRESSED IN TRAIL HUB DEALMENT
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5. Stormwater management (see Section 5.03.D.5.). WE BELIEVE THIS HAS ALREDY REEN ADDRESSAN IN TRAIL HUB PERMIT
6. Lighting (see Section 5.03.D.6.). WE ARE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY NEED FOR LIGHTING BASED ON HOURS OF SERVICE
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7. Landscaping and screening (see Section 5.03.D.7.). WE BELIEVE CURRENT LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING ARE
SUFFICIENT AT THE POLOPOSED LOCATION
8. Water and wastewater systems (see Section 5.03.D.8.). EXISTING SYSTEM WILL RE UTILIZED.
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9.a. Performance standards: Fire and explosion (see Section 5.03.D.9.a.).

9.b. Performance standards: Vibration (see Section 5.03.D.9.b.).	
9.c. Performance standards: Noise (see Section 5.03.D.9.c.). THERE WILL BE NO AMPLIETED NOISE, AND NO NOISE AFTER 9PM	
9.d. Performance standards: Odor (see Section 5.03.D.9.d.).	
9.e. Performance standards: Emissions and air pollution (see Section 5.03.D.9.e.).	
9.f. Performance standards: Heat (see Section 5.03.D.9.f.).	
9.g. Performance standards: Direct glare (see Section 5.03.D.9.g.). WE DO NOT INTICIPATE THE INEED FOR LIGHTING DUE TO PLANT	VEL
HOURS OF OPERATION	
9.h. Performance standards: Indirect glare (see Section 5.03.D.9.h.).	

9.i. Performance standards: Liquid and solid wastes (see Section 5.03.D.9.i).
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AND PORTOLETS.
10. Utilities (see Section 5.03.D.10.). EXISTING UTILITIES WILL BE UTILIZED.
Additional Narrative or Background. You are invited to use the space below to provide additional background, information, or other details about your proposal that is not provided elsewhere on your Zoning Permit application form or this Conditional Use application form. WE ENVISION A SUMMEN, AFTERNOON-EVENIME, OPERATION, WITH LIMITED FOOD & BEVEN AGE OFFERINGS, TO ATTUNCT THE TRINK SYTEM USERS AND HIGHLIGHT GUSING BREWING.
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TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT 4144 Main Street, Waitsfield, VT 05673

APPLICATION FOR A ZONING PERMIT 802-496-2218; Fax: 802-496-9284

Special Zoning ☐ Approved (or ☐ Referred to I Meeting Date(s Decision	Areas:Denied) by ZA on DRB because	Date Received: 20174 Zoning District. (.VD	Newspaper Total
Mailing Addres	$S = \{1, 1, \dots, K, T, \dots\}$	g agent status is required) E-mail. COUS J. W. N. T. S. C. J. E. H. J. W. W. L. J. M. J. R. S. D. W. T. M. L.	Phone 802-793-6244 WSBREGUNG-O GMNUL. Com Easements? Flood Plain? Wetlands? Public Building?
Application is erect repair alter extend remove change use other Description of p	□ one family dwelling □ commercial/bus □ light industrial □ accessory building □ industrial □ sign □ other proposed use and/or	Site Plan Enclosed On next page (Show dimensions listed below on the site plan) Roads: (some have restrictions) Private Town State Scenic Route 100	Type of Construction: Foundation
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Non	garage, shed, barn, etc.) Height: Height:	; 1 st floor: 2 nd floor; 1 st floor: 2 nd floor; 1 st floor: 2 nd floor	3 rd floorTotal:
Lot coverage %)	(perimeter of floor space including(all ground cover including drivewaneed	iys, walkways, etc.)

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT

APPLICATION FOR A ZONING PERMIT

Site Plan: The box below represents your property. Draw your existing buildings and proposed buildings here. dentify all existing and proposed buildings and all front, back, and side measurements from all buildings. Please rovide a separate sketch showing the height of the building.					

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT

APPLICATION FOR A ZONING PERMIT

BOOK STATEMENT	
THIS	SECTION PERTAINS ONLY TO THOSE REQUESTS REQUIRING CONDITIONAL USE
	EW BY THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:
(Refer	to Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws)
1.	Application Requirements (5.2)
2.	Conditional Use Review Criteria: Submit responses to each of the review criteria listed.
3.	Stamped addressed envelopes for all abutters (list below)

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THIS	SECTION PERTAINS TO THOSE REQUESTS FOR DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE AND
	REFORE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REVIEW:
	to Section 6.5 of the Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws)
1.	Submit narrative with application.
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Other	facts for the Development Review Board to consider:
	No Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance shall be issued for any use and/or structure unless constructed and completed in conformity with the representations contained in the application for the zoning permit.
	The undersigned hereby applies for a Zoning Permit to be issued on the basis of the
	representations contained here, and to the best of his/her knowledge believes them to be true.
	representations contained here, and to the best of morner knowledge believes them to be title.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY YOU FOR A STATE PERMIT. CONTACT THE STATE PERMIT SPECIALIST AT (802) 476-0195.

Signature Phone(s) 802-793-6244 Date 2/12/24

Please print your name legibly JOHN G. MONNS

If this request is to be reviewed by the Development Review Board, then the completed application must be received 25 days in advance of the meeting.

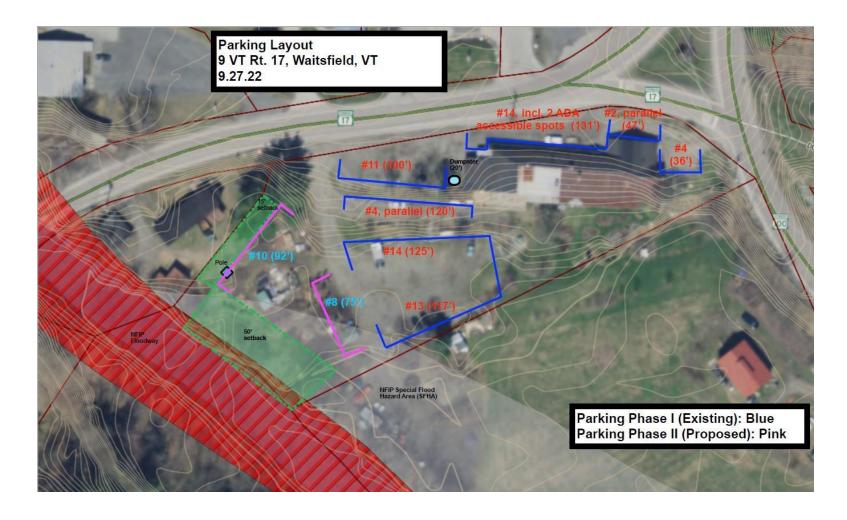






Parking Lot Design

- Route 17 is the primary source of runoff flowing onto the Morris property and ultimately into the Mill Brook. The state is talking about re-examining the intersection of routes 17 and 100. Any changes are at least several years in the future. For now, the VOREC project management team and the property owner would like to reduce the impact of runoff on the watershed without investing a ton of money since further work might be required when the intersection is finally changed.
- Summit Engineering of South Burlington has been hired to create a plan to reduce sediment flow into the Mill Brook and add additional parking spaces. They have completed a 3D survey of the area, are currently assessing the permeability of the existing surfaces, and will produce a final plan to include:
 - excavation
 - Addition of aggregate (stone, etc.)
 - o grading
 - cleaning up the swale and installing check dams
 - parking perimeter landscaping to capture sediment and define lot edge
 - potential drain improvements for the parking areas abutting route 17



Parking – Calculation of Needed Spots

- The building is currently used for a restaurant, bike shop, 4 apartments, and the Welcome Center for the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- The restaurant is closed, but a new restaurant in the former Local Folk Smokehouse space will be opening soon.
- The new proposed use is as a trailhead linking to existing trails on private land and the nearby Howe Block of the Camel's Hump State Forest.
- The Mad River Path is planning an extension of the Fiddler's Walk path which will link directly to this site via a trail
 crossing across route 100.
- New parking space are needed to accommodate the additional use of the site as a trailhead.

Use	Requirement Calculation		Needed Spots
Restaurant	1 space per 4 seats plus 1 space per employee for the largest shift	120 seats / 4 = 30 plus 10 employees = 40	40
Bike Shop	1 space per 300 square feet	24 ft x 20 ft = 480 sq. ft 480 / 300 = 1.6	1.6
Apartments	1.5 spaces per dwelling	4 apartments x 1.5 = 6	6
MRV Welcome Center	1 space per 300 square feet	26 ft x 26 ft = 676 sq. ft 676 / 300 = 1.6	2.3
Trailhead Parking	No defined rule	Lareau Park lot has about 30 spaces	30
TOTAL			80

Parking – Calculation of Existing & New Parking Spaces

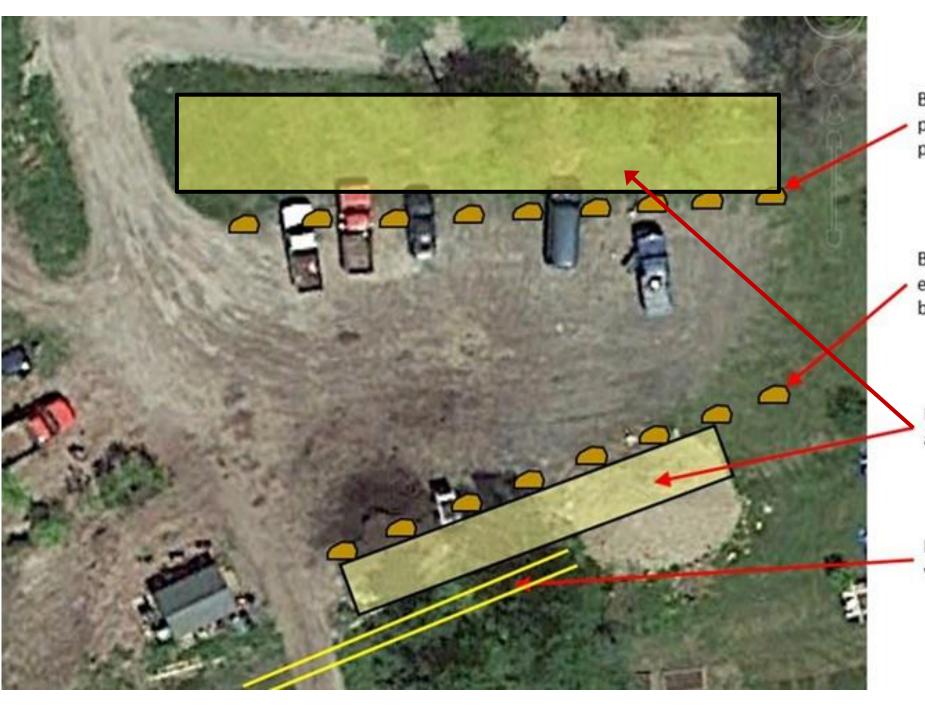
- Perpendicular parking spaces are 9 feet wide x 18 feet long.
- ADA accessible spaces add a 5-foot-wide buffer on both sides.
- Parallel parking spaces are 9 feet wide by 25 feet long.
- Areas where landscaping will be improved and added to shield views of parking areas and improve streetscape aesthetics are shown with yellow shaded boxes.



Parking – Calculation of Existing & New Parking Spaces

- Parking spaces are 9 feet wide x 18 feet long. ADA accessible spaces add a 5-foot-wide buffer on both sides.
- John Morris, the property owner, plans to re-open a restaurant in the Smokehouse space in the near future.

Parking Space Location	Мар#	Dimensions	Calculation of number of spaces	Existing Spaces	Proposed Spaces
Easternmost	А	36 ft wide x 18 ft long	36' / 9' = 4 spaces	4	
Between bike shop and 17	В	50 ft long x 18 ft wide	$(2 \times 25') = 50'$	2 parallel	
In front of Welcome Ctr	С	114 ft wide x 18 ft long	(11 x 9') + (3 x 5' buffer) = 99 + 15 = 114'	11	
Near dumpsters	D	27 ft wide x 18 ft long	27' / 9' = 3 spaces	3	
Northwest corner	Е	99 ft wide x 18 ft long	99' / 9' = 11 spaces	11	
Middle tier	F	120 ft long x 18 ft wide	(4 x 25') + 20' extra space = 76 + 44 = 120'	4 parallel	
Existing lower – north	G	126 ft long x 18 ft wide	126' / 9' = 14 spaces	14	
Existing lower – south	Н	117 ft long x 18 ft wide	117' / 9' = 13 spaces	13	
Southwestern	ı	72 ft long x 18 ft wide	72' / 9' = 8 spaces		8
Westernmost	J	90 ft long x 18 ft wide	90' / 9' = 10 spaces		10
TOTAL				62	18



Boulders to define the parking lot edge and protect the bank

Boulders to define the parking lot edge and protect the vegetative buffer next to the swale

Plantings to filter runoff and protect the swale

Existing swale location with culvert under road

landscaping

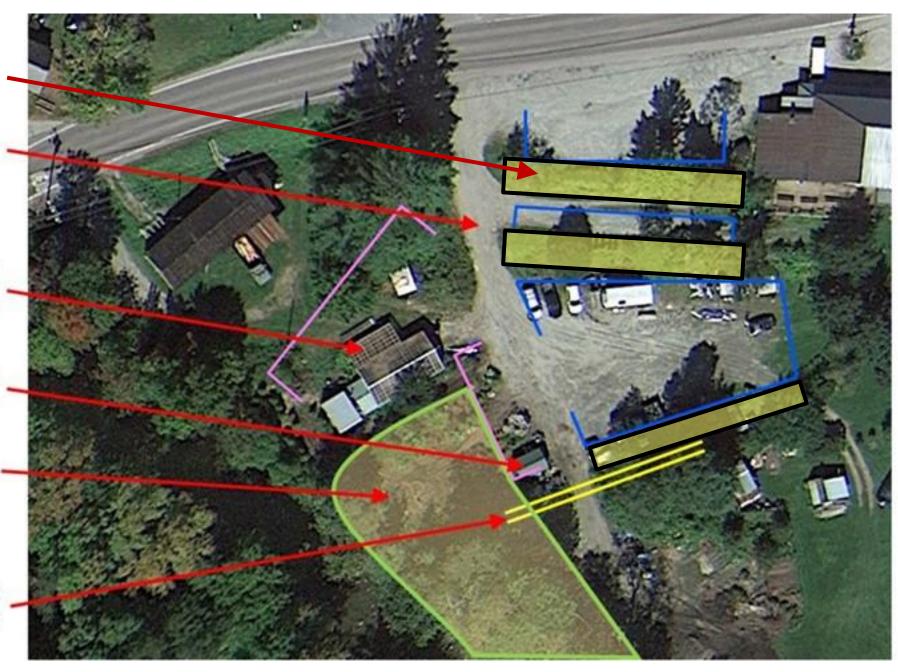
driveway

This shed roof will be removed

> This shed is no longer there

Riparian buffer

Existing swale location with culvert under road





WAITSFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD FINDINGS OF FACT AND NOTICE OF DECISION

Application #: 3567-CU

Land Owner: John Morris, d/b/a Cousins Brewing LLC &

Local Folk Smokehouse

Applicant: John Morris
Property Address: 9 VT Route 17

Parcel Number: 99169.000 in the Irasville Village District

Meeting Dates: April 22, 2014

Proposal/Type: Request to amend their mixed conditional use to

add light industry (a brewery with off-site sales).
The existing, approved mixed use is comprised of

retail, restaurant/bar, and 4 apartments. No

exterior changes proposed.

A. GUIDING ORDINANCE and POLICY PROVISIONS

1. Town of Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws, as adopted March 2, 1971 and amended through May 17, 2010:

a. Table 2.03 Irasville Village District (IV).

b. Section 3.03 Conversion and Change of Use.

c. Section 4.07 Mixed Uses.

d. Section 5.03 Conditional Use Review.

e. Section 7.01 Definitions (Light Industry).

2. Waitsfield Town Plan, as adopted on October 22, 2013.

B. MATERIALS SUBMITTED

- 1. On March 27, 2014, the applicant submitted a zoning permit application, a conditional use application, fee, and sketch site plans (interior work in basement only).
- 2. On April 9, 2014, the applicant submitted a letter from Brad M. Ruderman & Associates, Inc., stating that the existing septic capacity should be adequate for the increased use.

C. PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The property is a 1.8-acre lot identified as parcel #99169.000 and located at 9 VT Route 17 in the Irasville Village Zoning District. The property is approved as mixed use to include retail, restaurant/bar, and 4 apartments.

- 2. The applicant submitted application materials on March 27, 2014 and a letter from a licensed engineer on April 9, 2014.
- 3. The proposal is to amend the conditional mixed use to add light industry, a small batch brewery. The applicant proposes to convert a 24' x 24' area in the existing basement to a brewery to serve the on-site restaurant and make off-site wholesales. There would only be enough capacity to produce 16 kegs or fewer per week. The applicant is only proposing to produce kegs on-site, and will bottle the beer at another facility.
- 4. The applicant plans to have waste (spent grains) picked up twice per week.
- 5. No exterior changes to the existing structure or site plan are proposed.
- 6. No increase in traffic is expected. There would be 2 additional employees so existing parking space will be adequate. The existing rear door serves as access to the basement.
- 7. Per a letter from a licensed engineer dated April 7, 2014, the existing septic system capacity has been found to be adequate for this increased use. However, the brewery will likely produce industrial wastewater which requires a state discharge permit and/or an indirect discharge permit.
- 8. There will be a ceiling-mounted fuse for fire protection. The electrician and plumber will wire it to meet Fire Code.
- 9. The applicant has received his federal permit and will apply to the state for his brewery and distributor permit.
- 10. On March 28, 2014, the PZA sent the public notice for the April 22, 2014 hearing on this application to *The Valley Reporter* for inclusion in its April 3, 2014 issue, and mailed it to the applicant and the abutting property owners.
- 11. The public hearing on this application was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.
- 12. The applicant presented his proposal to the board. No other people attended the hearing on this application.

D. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on its review of the application materials, submitted site plans, presented testimony, and Findings of Fact above, the Waitsfield Development Review Board hereby concludes this application as proposed, and when finalized and implemented in accordance with the Conditions of Approval listed below, does meet the conditional use criteria of the Town of Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws and is in conformance with the Waitsfield Town Plan.

E. DECISION

Application #3567-CU is hereby APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant shall not bottle on-site without obtaining prior approval(s).
- 2. Prior to issuance of any zoning permit, the applicant shall submit a Project Review Sheet to the state permit specialist and shall obtain any applicable state and/or federal permit approvals.

- 3. Any further changes to the approved mixed use, site plan, or structure shall receive prior conditional use and/or administrative approval as required by the Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws.
- 4. At all times, the applicant shall comply with the Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws and, notably, the performance standards as described in Section 5.03(D)(9).

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont this day of Waitsfield Development Review Board by:

May

, 2014 for the Town of

Brian Shupe, Development Review Board Vice Chair

Voting in the Affirmative: John Donaldson, Gib Geiger, Chris Jernigan, Rudy Polwin, and Brian Shupe.

Abstaining: None.

Voting in the Negative: None.

Absent: Chris Cook, and Mike Kingsbury.

Appeal

Pursuant to Title 24 VSA §4471 and §4472, an interested person who has participated in the review of this application may appeal this decision to the Vermont Environmental Court by filing a Notice of Appeal directly to the Environmental Court, 255 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05641, by certified mail within thirty (30) days of the date this decision is issued. A copy of the notice must also be sent to the Zoning Administrator or the Municipal Clerk who is required to provide a list of interested persons to the appellant within five days of receipt of the Notice. The appellant is required to send a copy of the Notice, via certified mail, to each interested person.



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

FINDINGS OF FACT AND NOTICE OF DECISION

Application ## 4187-CU
Land Owners: George Morris & Peter and Blaine Laskowski
Applicants Bob Kognt obo Mad River Riders
Property Address: 5512 Main Street
Parcel Number: 99169, 100 in the brasville Village District & 29003, 500 in the Aygreultural-Residential District
Meeting Dates: August 22, 2023
Proposal/Type: Request to construct a pedestrian/breyde bridge over the Mill Brook within the Flood Hazard Overlay District and IEMA floodway

A. GUIDING ORDINANCE and POLICY PROVISIONS

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b. Table 3.07 Agricultural-Residential District
c. Section 3.12 Surface Water Protection Standards
d. Section 5.03 Conditional Use Review

2. Waitsfield Town Plan, as adopted on December 18, 2017.

B. MATERIALS SUBMITTED

1. On July 6, 2022, the applicant submitted conditional use permit application #4137-CU, zoning permit application #4137, responses to General and Specific Review Standards, a bridge site plan, and a package of materials and plans titled "MRV Rec Hub: Visitor's Center & Trailhead Overview."

C. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

- 2. Notice was sent to The Valley Reporter on July 27, 2023, and it appeared in the August 3, 2023 issue of The Valley Reporter. Abutting property owners were sent notice on July 27, 2023.
- 3. The project concerns two properties: one is located at 5512 Main Street, and its principal use is as a nursery. That parcel is identified as #99168.100 in the Irasville Village District. The second property is located at 459 Dana Hill Road and its principal use is as single-family dwelling. That parcel is identified as 29003.500 in the Agricultural-Residential District
- 4. In what is described as a portion of Phase 2 of the Mad River Valley Recreation Hub project, applicants Bob Kogut/Mad River Riders seek approval to construct a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the Mill Brook. The proposed bridge will serve the new proposed use at 9 VT Route 17 as a trailhead linking to existing trails on private land and the nearby Howe Block of the Camel's Hump State Forest.
- 5. The bridge is proposed to be a steel bowstring truss bridge with steel railings and decking consisting of 2 x 6 pressure-treated wood. As proposed, the bridge is to be 87 feet long and 4 feet wide.
- 6. The bridge is proposed to slope upward from north to south due to the higher southern bank elevation. Slope is as a 1:12 pitch and is ADA compliant for wheelchair access.
- 7. The proposed location of the bridge over the Mill Brook is within the FEMA floodway and the Flood Hazard Area Overlay District (FHO).
- 8. Pursuant to Table 2.10 (C) (13), a bridge in association with recreational trail use is a conditional use in the Flood Hazard Overlay and is subject to State and conditional use review. All development within the FHO is subject to the provisions of Section 5.03 (E) for Flood Hazard Area Development Standards.
- 9. Pursuant to Section 5.03 (E) (5), development within the floodway is prohibited "unless a registered professional engineer certifies, based on hydrologic and hydraulic analyses conducted in accordance with standard engineering practices, that the proposed development will (i) not result in any increase (0.00 feet) in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood, and (ii) will not increase the risk to surrounding properties, facilities or structures from flooding or erosion." This is commonly-referred to a "no-rise" analysis.
- 10. Applicant has submitted the no-rise analysis as conducted by Rebecca Diehl, a river monitoring expert and fluvial geomorphologist. Her analysis was reviewed and approved

- by Scott Silverstein who is a state-registered and licensed engineer. Those plans have been certified and stamped per Section 5.03 (E). The analysis shows that the bridge will cause no measurable rise in floodwater levels during a base flood.
- 11. Also pursuant to Section 5.03 (E) (8), "structures within Special Flood Hazard Areas shall be (a) designed, operated, maintained, or modified and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, release or lateral movement of the structure during the occurrence of the base flood."
- 12. Per the plans submitted, applicant proposes that the southside foundation be anchored to bedrock with bolts. The northside will use helical screw piles installed to a minimum depth of 11 feet which is a minimum of 6 feet below the bottom of the stream channel. The northside landing and ramp will be supported by steel posts stiffened with crossbracing between post pairs.
- 13. Applicant has also requested approval to restore the riparian buffer along the Mill Brook adjacent to the parking area. The target restoration area stretches along 800 feet of the Mill Brook frontage and covers approximately 0.7-acres. Applicant submits that after bridge installation, trees will be replanted to reconstitute and expand the riparian buffer. The intent is to have the ramp entirely situated among the vegetation.
- 14. State Wetlands Ecologist Shannon Morrison has visited the site and reviewed the project plans. A State wetland permit is not needed.
- 15. Gretchen Alexander, Regional River Scientist, and Ned Swanberg, Regional Floodplain Manager, both visited the site and reviewed the project plans. Neither Ms. Alexander nor Mr. Swanberg had concerns with the bridge siting. In a follow up with the PZA, Mr. Swanberg noted he was satisfied that the project met the requisite standards. Per his email, "the critical element was the north side bridge abutment and ramp within the floodway. I have seen an H & H analysis confirming no rise in the BFE."
- 16. Per Susan Baird of the Natural Resources Board, no Act 250 permit is required.
- 17. The Department of Environmental Conservation has confirmed that a stormwater permit is not necessary for the bridge installation area.
- 18. Jaron Borg, River Management Engineer with the ANR Watershed Management Division, reviewed both the bridge plan and no-rise analysis. A final stream alteration permit SA3178 has been issued.

- 19. There will be two-way pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the bridge, although not frequent. Applicant submits that space (or a "bubble") can be reserved on the ramp side of the bridge to allow for adequate safety measures in case of two-way traffic.
- 20. Trail crossing signs will be utilized for users to cross Route 100/Main Street, including adjacent to the access to 5512 Main Street.

D. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on its review of the application materials, submitted site plans, presented testimony, and Findings of Fact above, the Waitsfield Development Review Board hereby concludes this application as proposed, and when finalized and implemented in accordance with the Conditions of Approval listed below, does meet the criteria of the Town of Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws and is in conformance with the Waitsfield Town Plan.

E. <u>DECISION</u>

Application #4137-CU is hereby APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. This decision is subject to any and all applicable local, State, and Federal permit approvals.
- 2. Any modifications to the project as approved shall be submitted to the PZA and Regional Floodplain Manager for review. Depending on any proposed modifications, additional review from this Board may be required.
- 3. A copy of the No-Rise Certificate shall be submitted for the file.
- 4. At the completion of construction, the applicant shall provide as-built photographs of the project for the file, per Section 6.01 (B) (4) of the Zoning Bylaws in accord with 24 V.S.A. §4424.

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont this day of 40 GUST day of 2023 for the Town of Waitsfield Development Review Board by:

John Donaldson, Development Review Board Chair

Voting in the Affirmative: John Donaldson, Duncan Brines, Jonathan Ursprung, Steve

McKenzie, and Jim Tabor

Abstaining: none

Voting in the Negative: none Absent: Rudy Polwin, Gib Geiger

Appeal

Pursuant to Title 24 VSA §4471 and §4472, an interested person who has participated in the review of this application may appeal this decision to the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court by filing a Notice of Appeal directly to the Court, 32 Cherry Street, Suite 303, Burlington, Vermont 05401, by certified mail within thirty (30) days of the date this decision is issued. A copy of the notice must also be sent to the Zoning Administrator or the Municipal Clerk who is required to provide a list of interested persons to the appellant within five days of receipt of the Notice. The appellant is required to send a copy of the Notice, via certified mail, to each interested person.



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

FINDINGS OF FACT AND NOTICE OF DECISION

Application #: 4138-CU
Land Owners: John Morris
Applicant: Bob Kogni obo Mad RiverRiders
Property Address of VT Route 17
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Property Dates: 09069,000 in the Tranville Village District
Meeting Dates: August 22, 2023
Proposal/Type: Request to expand the partring on the property by
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Epartan buffer adjacent to the Mill Brook

A. GUIDING ORDINANCE and POLICY PROVISIONS

1. <u>Town of Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws</u>, as adopted March 2, 1971 and amended through September 28, 2020:

a. Table 2.03 Irasville Village District
b. Section 3.09 Parking & Loading Standards
c. Section 3.12 Surface Water Protection Standards
d. Section 5.03 Conditional Use Review

2. Waitsfield Town Plan, as adopted on December 18, 2017.

B. MATERIALS SUBMITTED

1. On July 6, 2022, the applicant submitted conditional use permit application #4138-CU, zoning permit application #4138, responses to General and Specific Review Standards, and a package of materials and plans titled "MRV Rec Hub: Visitor's Center & Trailhead Overview."

C. PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

- 2. Notice was sent to The Valley Reporter on July 27, 2023, and it appeared in the August 3, 2023 issue of The Valley Reporter. Abutting property owners were sent notice on July 27, 2023.
- 3. The property is located at 9 VT Route 17, and is a mixed-use property which consists of a restaurant/bar, brewery, retail, visitor's center, and 4 apartments. The parcel is identified as #99169.000 in the Irasville Village District.
- 4. In what is described as a portion of Phase 2 of the Mad River Valley Recreation Hub project, applicant Bob Kogut/Mad River Riders seek to expand the existing parking on the property to accommodate users of the recreation hub and to restore the riparian buffer along the Mill Brook. The new proposed use is as a trailhead linking to existing trails on private land and the nearby Howe Block of the Camel's Hump State Forest. The Mad River Path is planning an extension of its Fiddler's Walk path which is proposed to link directly to the subject site via a trail crossing Route 100/Main Street.
- 5. Pursuant to Table 2.03 (C) (27), parking facilities are a conditional use in the Irasville Village District. There are approximately 62 existing spaces on the property. Applicant is requesting to an additional 18 spaces to accommodate the new trailhead project in addition to the existing mixed uses on site.
- 6. Per Table 3.1, a restaurant requires 1 parking space for every 4 seats, and one space per employee at the largest shift. Although currently closed there are plans to reopen, and the restaurant had 120 seats and up to 10 employees at a time. Accordingly, 40 parking stalls are required for the restaurant use.
- 7. Per Table 3.1, a retail establishment requires 1 parking space per 300 sq. ft. of gross floor area. The retail bike shop that shares a portion of the building is approximately 480 sq. ft. Accordingly, 1.6 spaces are required for the retail use.
- 8. Per Table 3.1, multi-family dwellings require 1.5 parking spaces per unit. There are 4 apartments within the building. Accordingly, 6 parking spaces are required for the apartments.
- 9. Per Table 3.1, the welcome/visitor center office requires 1 parking space per every 300 sq. ft. of gross floor area. The size of the portion of the building for use as the welcome center is 676 sq. ft. Accordingly, 2.3 parking spaces would be required for the welcome/visitor center use.
- 10. Accordingly, a total of 50 parking spaces is required for the current mix of uses of the property.

- 11. Applicant submits that the current parking layout for the property accommodates 62 total parking spaces. This total is predicated upon a 9' x 18' dimension for perpendicular parking and a 9' x 25' dimension for parallel parking both in accord with Section 3.09 (A) (2). There are two ADA-accessible parking spaces in the front of the building.
- 12. There are no defined parking requirements in the Zoning Bylaws for a trailhead. Applicant offers that Lareau Park has 30 parking spaces for visitors and has therefore submitted that number for trailhead use at the subject property.
- 13. The Board accepts 30 spaces as adequate for trailhead parking. Therefore, a total of 80 spaces would be needed to accommodate the new mix of uses on the property.
- 14. Applicant's plan identifies an additional 18 spaces for a total of 80 parking spaces.
- 15. Per the plans as submitted, applicant proposes use of boulders to define the edges of the parking rows and also to protect the banks.
- 16. Per applicant's submittal, a State Stormwater permit may be required for the parking improvements.
- 17. Applicant also requests approval to restore the riparian buffer along the Mill Brook adjacent to the parking area. The riparian buffer along the Mill Brook is thinly forested and offers little protection against sediment flow.
- 18. Per Section 3.12 (A) of the Bylaws, "to prevent soil erosion, protect wildlife habitat and maintain water quality, a naturally vegetated buffer strip shall be maintained from the banks of streams and rivers, and the shores of ponds formed by in-stream impoundments in streams and rivers."
- 19. Pursuant to Section 3.12 (B), "no development, excavation, landfill, or grading shall occur within the buffer strip, and vegetation shall be left in an undisturbed state, with the exception of minimal clearing and associated site development necessary to accommodate ... (2) Streambank stabilization and restoration projects, in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations."
- 20. Route 17 is the primary source of runoff flowing onto the subject property and ultimately into the Mill Brook. Applicant has engineered a plan to reduce sediment flow into the Mill Brook while improving the parking area. The final plan calls for excavation, addition of aggregate, grading, cleaning up the existing swale and installing check dams, landscaping around the parking perimeter to capture sediment, and drain improvements for the parking areas abutting Route 17. Applicant proposes to identify and remove non-

native nuisance species and the expansion of the wooded buffer to between 35-50 feet. Per the submittal, native trees and woody shrubs will be selected to reflect local site conditions and planted at a ratio of 400 stems per acre. Invasive plant removal, site preparation, and planting will be led by the Friends of the Mad River staff.

- 21. The target restoration area stretches along 800 feet of the Mill Brook frontage and covers approximately 0.7-acres.
- 22. Per applicant's submittal, a State Stormwater permit may be needed for the parking area work.

D. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on its review of the application materials, submitted site plans, presented testimony, and Findings of Fact above, the Waitsfield Development Review Board hereby concludes this application as proposed, and when finalized and implemented in accordance with the Conditions of Approval listed below, does meet the criteria of the Town of Waitsfield Zoning Bylaws and is in conformance with the Waitsfield Town Plan.

E. DECISION

Application #4138-CU is hereby APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. This decision is subject to any and all applicable local, State, and Federal permit approvals.
- 2. Should safety concerns arise from parking or traffic issues, formal review and approval by the Board of a parking and/or traffic plan may be required.
- 3. Should a State Stormwater permit be required for the parking area, the resultant stormwater management plan, prepared by a licensed engineer, shall be submitted to the PZA for inclusion in the file.

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont this day of , 2023 for the Town of Waitsfield Development Review Board by:

John Donaldson, Development Review Board Chair

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McKenzie, and Jim Tabor

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Town of Waitsfield DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

DRAFT Meeting Minutes February 27, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, and was held in person at the Waitsfield Town Offices and online via Zoom.

DRB Members Present: Duncan Brines, John Donaldson (Chair), Rudy Polwin, Jonathan

Ursprung

Staff: Zoning Administrator JB Weir Others: David Cohen, Stephen Gavosto

2. REVISIONS TO AGENDA, IF ANY

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody requested time to address the Board.

4. Application #4165-CU by MRV Holdings off 6971 Main Street, Waitsfield VT. Pursuant to Table 2.05 (C) (15), applicant requests conditional use approval to construct two storage units (1,800 sq. ft. and 4,800 sq. ft.) on a mixed-use property consisting of residential and commercial office space. The parcel is identified as #99204.000 in the Limited Business District.

Mr. Gavosto summarized the plans for the self-storage units, noting that he has revised his design since submitting the application and now plans to use wooden materials to frame and side the buildings.

Parking was discussed, and the following points made:

- Currently the site has 21 parking spaces
- Three apartments are located at the site, each one requiring one parking space
- Table 3.1 includes the Town's parking standards
 - Those standards outline office space needs based upon square footage of the building
 - Mr. Gavosto noted that the building contains hallways, utility rooms, and shared space such as a conference room
 - It was agreed that a report of the number of tenants would be useful to determine the parking needed for the office space
- There are 10 spaces proposed for the new structures
 - Mr. Gavosto noted that it would not be difficult to add a few more there
 - o Mr. Polwin indicated that unneeded impervious space should not be created
- There is currently an overflow parking area, which can be designated on the site plan

Mr. Donaldson explained that the Board will decide during deliberations what additional parking may be required, once the needs of the office space area are better understood.

In response to questions from Board members, Mr. Gavosto noted that electricity will be provided through solar panels and that he will determine the color temperature of the exterior lights to be installed and provide that information to Mr. Weir.

Tree clearing limits were discussed. Mr. Gavosto explained that the proposed location requires less tree cutting than would be necessary if the buildings were to be tucked behind an existing structure, and noted as well that the property is wetter behind the proposed location, making it difficult to move the buildings back further from the road. It was discussed that a landscaping plan might include maintaining the existing thicket and other trees rather than stipulating that a new landscape plan be developed.

Mr. Cohen was designated as an interested party to this application. He commented that he wants to ensure that the character of the property will not change due to the new development, and expressed that he was pleased the design had been revised to be wooden rather than metal structures.

MOTION: Mr. Brines moved to close the hearing for Application #4165-CU. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ursprung. All voted in favor.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 13, 2024 were amended and approved.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The upcoming schedule was reviewed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm to move into deliberations.

8. DELIBERATIONS

Respectfully submitted, Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary