

MIDDLETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
31 West Main Street
Middletown, Maryland

Regular Meeting

February 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Middletown Planning Commission took place on Monday, February 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 West Main Street, Middletown, MD 21769.

Those present were Chairman Carney, Commission members David Lake, Bob Miller, Bob Smart, Rich Gallagher, Ron Forrester, Commissioner Chris Goodman, Bruce Carbaugh, Director of Operations & Construction and Cindy Unangst, Staff Planner.

I. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2013 – approved with corrections.

II. PLANS

Coblentz Property Preliminary Plan Review – The commission went over comments received from ARRO, Bruce Carbaugh and Cindy. Most of the comments will be outlined in the Improvement Plan stage. It was agreed to defer this to next month awaiting the approval of the Master Plan amendment by the Town Board.

Middletown High School Storage Container Request – Dave Wade with the Frederick County Public schools has applied for a permit to place a sea container at the High School for storage of boiler room equipment in conjunction with the replacement of the existing boilers at the High School. Mr. Wade submitted 2 different locations of where he would like the sea container placed.

Motion by Lake to approve the High School to place the sea container at “Option B” location for a period of 6 months beginning April 15, 2013, seconded by Smart. Motion carried 5-0.

Municipal Center Storage Container Request – Drew Bowen has submitted an application to place a storage container in the parking lot behind 31 West Main Street for storage of office furniture while carpeting is being replaced in the offices and meeting rooms. Mr. Bowen requested the container for 3-5 days in March.

Motion by Smart to approve the Municipal Center to place a storage container in the parking lot behind 31 West Main Street for a 1 month time period beginning in March, seconded by Miller. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Goodman abstained).

213 West Main Street Change of Use Plan – Potomac Gun Depot – Mr. Putman who resides at 213 West Main Street submitted a change of use of his existing residence to include a primarily internet-based gun retail business with some inventory on the premises. No new building square footage is proposed.

Mr. Putman presented to the Commission a site plan of where he plans to store the fire arms in a fire proof safe. Mr. Putman explained to the Commission the process that he has to go through to obtain his federal fire arms license. In order for Mr. Putman to obtain his license he has to first meet the zoning requirements, apply for the license at which time they will do a background check. Mr. Putman stated that he does not intend to have any displays, it will be by appointment only, not selling to the public, no storage overhead and no signage will be displayed. Mr. Putman explained how the process will work. If someone finds a gun online they will purchase it and any weapon purchased on-line must be shipped

to a certified dealer via FedEx or UPS and it must be signed for. Once Mr. Putman receives the fire arm he will place it in his safe and proceed with doing the back ground check on the purchaser. If the back ground check comes back clean, he will then make an appointment with the purchaser to come to his residence to pick up the fire arm and do the necessary paperwork. Mr. Putman stated that his goal is to sell 1 gun a week which equals 52 guns a year.

Motion by Lake to approve the site plan presented with the conditions that Mr. Putman install a one-hour fire-rated safe, a security system on residence and video surveillance cameras on property, seconded by Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

III. ZONING

Violations – Banners at Safeway – temporary signs – Cindy to contact

IV. OTHER

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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