



**Caribou Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017 @ 5:30 pm  
City Council Chambers**

**Planning Board Members Present:** McDonough III, White, Cyr, Smith, Pelletier

**Planning Board Members Absent:** Graves, Hunter

Chairman Cyr called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Motion by Pelletier, Seconded by McDonough III, to approve the January 4, 2017 Planning Board Minutes as presented. Unanimous.

At 5:31pm the public hearing on the Site Design application from Safe Alternatives was opened.

Laurent Cote, lives two driveways away from the location, and saw the ad in the newspaper. He recommends changing the notification requirement for outskirts of Caribou so more people can be notified via mail. He used to live in California and has a lot of experience with “dope heads”. He says this is a disaster to a residential neighborhood. He asked the Board to be very careful as to how it progresses. He warned that prescriptions are easy to get, and this would bring in undesirable nuisances. He moved back to Caribou in 2008. He said the Board should listen to 62% of the voters and not approve this permit. He said this will create nothing but future problems, and the Board should deny this.

Ted Smith asked if he reviewed the application that was presented to the town. Cody said he did not, but this is disastrous for the area.

Ted Smith asked if he has reviewed the ordinance. Mr. Cody said he has not, but he does not feel it should happen in Caribou.

Chairman Cyr read the email from Gary and Mary Raymond, owners of the property at 1121 Presque Isle Road, opposing the application into the record.

Ted Smith said there are certain requirements that the board renders the decision on. He cited a court case that affirmed the public opinion should not sway the opinion of the board.

Chad Emper, Safe Alternatives, providing documentation for parking and the exterior lighting.

Chairman Cyr stated he feels the application is meeting the standards placed in the law.

Smith stated the Code Enforcement Officer would have to do a walk through before they opened and ensure continued compliance with the code.

White motioned to approve the with the condition that the final inspections have to be completed by the CEO, Fire Chief, and Police chief. Seconded by McDonough III.

Cyr, White, McDonough III approve. Smith and Pelletier opposed. Motion declared passed.

Motion by White, seconded by Pelletier to schedule public hearing on Marijuana ordinance.  
Unanimous.

Discussion held on Chapter 13.

Discussion on changing the title of mobile home to manufactured home for title 13-740.

Discussion held on what a "front of the house" means for outdoor play areas in childcare facilities.

Discussion held on fees. Consensus to remove fees from ordinance and submit a recommended fee schedule with ordinance.

No action taken on Chapter 13.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert White  
Planning Board Secretary

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