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Caribou Planning Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 4, 2017 @ 5:30 pm City Council Chambers

In Attendance: Phil Cyr, Robert White, Philip McDonough III, Evan Graves, Michele Smith and Todd Pelletier

Members Absent: Matthew Hunter

Others in Attendance: Austin Bless –City Manager & Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Wentworth, Penny Thompson –Tax Assessor & Building Official, Leo Trudell -Safe Alternatives, Ted Smith -Safe Alternatives Attorney and Denise Lausier

I. Swearing in of New Members

II. Election of Officers for 2017

- a. **Chairman** – Todd Pelletier made a motion to elect Phil Cyr as Chairman for 2017; seconded by Robert White. Vote was unanimous.
- b. **Vice-Chairman** – Robert White made a motion to elect Michele Smith as Vice Chairperson for 2017; seconded by Todd Pelletier. Vote was unanimous.
- c. **Secretary** – Phil Cyr made a motion to elect Robert White as Secretary for 2017; seconded by Philip McDonough III. Vote was unanimous.

III. Setting Meeting Dates/Times for 2017 – Robert White made a motion to keep the dates and times the same for 2017; seconded by Michele Smith. Vote was unanimous.

IV. New Business -

- a. **Marijuana Dispensaries Ordinances** – After Board discussion, Todd Pelletier moved to entertain a workshop with Planning Board members, City Council members, Police Chief and be open to the public; seconded by Phil McDonough III. Vote was unanimous.

There was discussion on the application submitted by Leo Trudell, d/b/a Safe Alternatives for a medical marijuana dispensary in Caribou. Phil Cyr moved to process the medical marijuana dispensary application according to the ordinance that has been on the books for years; seconded by Philip McDonough III. Vote was unanimous.

After further discussion on the moratorium the City Council passed on marijuana dispensaries, Robert White moved to send a letter to the City Council drafted by Austin Bleess to clarify the moratorium; seconded by Phil Cyr. Vote was unanimous.

- V. Old Business** – Philip McDonough III brought up again for discussion, the potential issue of parking for Dr. Ortiz’s tenants. After discussion, Austin Bleess clarified that the requirement was met by the applicant at the time with an agreement with Napoli’s for off street parking and the Planning Board approved the application.

Phil Cyr made a motion that this item dies, to drop this issue; seconded by Robert White. 4 yes, 1 opposed (Philip McDonough III), 1 abstention (Michele Smith).

- VI. Other Business** – None.

- VII. Adjournment** – Phil Cyr moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm; seconded by Robert White. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert White
Planning Board Secretary

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