

**Town of Hatfield  
Planning Board Minutes  
Remote Via Microsoft Teams  
May 5, 2021**

Members Present: Chair Stephanie Slys, Alt Chair Bob Wagner, Paul Dostal, Jimmy Tarr, Michael Paszek

Admin: Gerard Bueno

Attendees: Doug Poole, Kate Poole, Betsy Rider, Dan Donnis, Pete McLoughlin, Theresa McLoughlin, Ellen Paszek

Chair opens meeting at 6:00pm

Chair opens public forum.

No comments from the public. Chair Slys addresses the article that was in the Daily Hampshire Gazette, refereeing to the zone change hearing from last meeting. She verifies that the Board voted unanimously to bring the zone change to Town Meeting. The split was based on the stance the Board would take at Town Meeting; Neutral stance or not recommending the zone change. Chair Slys states that she has issued a correction with the Gazette. Chair Slys also clarifies that the vote will require a two thirds (2/3) vote.

Chair opens public hearing for Doug Poole Tattoo business at 12 Elm St

Doug Poole is seeking a special permit to operate a private tattoo studio at 12 Elm St. The location is zoned industrial. Doug Poole and his wife Kate Poole are at the hearing, introducing their business plan and application. They reside in Hatfield, and Doug Poole currently works in Westfield. He would like to move his tattoo business closer to home. 12 Elm Street location is about a 13 minute walk from his house. He wants to work close to home in a quiet, secluded space. He believes the location at 12 Elm Street is perfect for what he is looking to do. Chair Slys asks Doug Poole about his day-to-day operations and is proposed hours of operations. His proposed hours of operations are Wednesday-Saturday, 11am-7pm. He plans on only having 1 or 2 clients a day. These would be by appointments only, no walk in. Doug Poole states that he wants to offer a clean, comfortable setting for his clients. He has no plans for any construction. The structure that is already in place is perfect for what he wants to do. Bob Wagner puts up Doug Poole's application and map of 12 Elm St on the publics screen. Doug Poole points out his proposed operation area and the parking spaces. He verifies that he has been before the Board of Health, and they have permitted him to operate his business.

Chair opens the floor for any supporters of the application.

Pete McLoughlin, owner of the property, voices his support of Doug Poole's proposed business. He believes this is a good space for Doug Poole and that it is a good business and tenant to have at his property. No other supporters.

Chair opens the floor for any opposition to the application.

Dave Donnis, an abutter to the property, is not opposed to the project but has a few concerns about the establishment. He essentially would not like to see an establishment that promotes a gathering or people hanging out at the property. Doug Poole addresses these concerns. There are no plans for any gatherings at his potential operation. Betsy Rider, also a neighbor of the property, has concerns over traffic, in particular traffic in the evening. Headlights and noise are her primary concerns. Small discussion on traffic and activity at 12 Elm Street. Doug Poole addresses the reasoning behind operation until 7pm. It is the best time and hours of operations for his type of business. Small discussion on a single chair business and

potential for a bigger operation down the line. Paul Dostal asks about the parking situation. Doug Poole states that he was allowed two parking spaces and that there is available parking for him if he need it. Pete McLoughlin confirms this. Ellen Pazek, an abutter, asks Pete McLoughlin to address the noise and activity at 12 Elm Street. Further discussion on activity at this property. Jimmy Tarr moves discussion back to Doug Poole's application. Paul Dostal asks about any signage. Doug Poole does not plan on having any large signs or neon lights. Business would be very subtle. Pete McLoughlin states that he will be putting a small wooden sign on the roadside. Small discussion on name 1670 Tattoo.

Jimmy Tarr makes a motion to close the public hearing. Bob Wagner seconds. Motion passes.

Chair opens Board deliberation.

Board likes the idea of the single chair business. If Doug Poole would like to expand his business down the line, he would need to come back before the Board. Bob Wagner makes a motion to approve a private tattoo studio for Doug Poole at 12 Elm Street with the condition that it would be a single artist studio, operating Wednesday-Saturday, 11am-7pm. Jimmy Tarr seconds. Motion passes.

#### Board Discussion

Chair Slyszy wants to revisit USA Waste complaints. Small discussion on their operations and complaints since the Board granted them a special permit. No recent complaints have been made. Discussion of complaints at 197 Straits Rd. Bob Wagner points out that there seems to be a growing number of truck traffic from this property. Eversource has been using the property to store some of its equipment and supplies. Chair Slyszy points out that the parcel that was grandfathered in, so there is no special permit attached to the property. There has also been a noise and traffic complaint involving Black Birch Vineyard, which is also in that neighborhood. Small discussion on permit enforcement. Chair Slyszy states she invited Kyle Scott to attend their meeting. The plan is for the Board and Kyle Scott to discuss these recent complaints and the options the Board has with enforcing permits granted. They also need to discuss their options with 197 Straits Rd, which does not have a special permit. Further discussion on this property and the operations of Eversource on this property. Discussion turns to 12 Elm St. and noise complaints. There have been several complaints on noise coming from the wood processing business. Chair Slyszy says this is another item that needs to be addressed with Kyle Scott, hopefully at the next meeting. Small discussion on the special permit that was granted to the wood processing company at 12 Elm St. and further discussion on enforcement.

Bob Wagner makes a motion to approve the minutes from 4.14.21. Mike Paszek Seconds. Motion passes.

Chair confirms the next meeting for Wednesday, 6.2.21.

Small discussion on the Thayer continued hearing.

Paul Dostal makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Wagner seconds. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM