

CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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CODE COMMITTEE

Chairman – Timothy Simmons

Members – Stanley Siegel

Maria Mann

Elizabeth Miller

Date/Time/Location:

December 6, 2023 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm.

Council chambers

Attendance:

Committee Chairman: **Timothy Simmons**

Committee Members: **Stanley Siegel, Maria Mann, Elizabeth Miller**

Building Official: **David Rivera**

Absent: Stanley Seigel

Also Present:

Melissa Newhauser, Assistant Building Official Laurie Powrie

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Elizabeth Miller; seconded by Maria Mann to approve the November 1, 2023 Code Committee meeting minutes.

AYE: 3 ABSENT: 1 (Stanley Siegel) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 **CARRIED**

Executive Session: None

New Business: None

Building Official's Report & Fire Inspector's Report:

Some highlights -

building permits issued – 17 the past month; 250 year to date
demolition permits – 0 this month; 9 year to date
certificates of compliance -26 issued this month; 185 year to date
searches – 26 this month; 220 year to date
planning board applications – 2 this month; 11 year to date
zoning board applications - 2 this month; 7 year to date
plumbing & electrical licenses being currently renewed - roughly 21 combined
violations issued - 125 this month (mainly for premises identification); 643 total
building construction inspections – 35 this month; 367 year to date
work orders – 3 sent to DPW; 82 year to date
other inspections – 11 this month; 106 year to date
appearance tickets – 11 this month; 40 year to date
vacant building registrations - 0 this month; 49 for the year

Re: demolition of 62&64 Sussex – waiting on MHE (engineers) before moving forward.

Parking lot will be re-striped in the upcoming month for Middletown Medical in the Sav-A-Lot plaza.

Many inspections ongoing currently.

Old Business -

Cannabis Presentation by Laurie Powrie – using City Zoning Map

To recap, originally City of PJ opted “in” to allow retail sales; opted “out” for on-site consumption.

Then, the Cannabis Law was drafted by/for the City of Port Jervis.

Then a moratorium was put in place, to allow for making amendment(s) to the local law with a purpose to limit where dispensaries could be located in order to keep them at a distance from schools and other areas where the youth and/or other vulnerable populations regularly congregate.

We are currently zoned for Central Business District and may consider adjacent portions of the neighborhood Mixed Use Districts.

Ms. Powrie is waiting to hear back from the State as their guidelines say that a dispensary cannot be located on the same road as a school. She is trying to get clarification if as long as it is a

particular distance (500 feet) from a school, if a dispensary can open outside of that distance on the same road. Also, further enactment of the state guidelines may also now include places of worship, etc.

Possible eligible locations were discussed by the code committee keeping in mind all of the restrictions. Also each dispensary must be a minimum of 2,000 feet from each other.

The moratorium expires on January 10, 2024. The January Common Council meeting is on January 8, 2024. Mr. Simmons will speak to Corporation Counsel about an extension.

Re: Partial real property tax exemption for volunteer first responders, a Public Hearing must be set.

Public Comment:

Janice Vicaretti – Her opinion is that one viable area for a dispensary such as Tri-States, near Easyway Beverage could be an option. We must be responsible in considering appropriate areas and she feels the Central Business District is not one of those areas.

**Ms. Mann excused herself from the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by Elizabeth Miller; seconded Timothy Simmons

AYE: 2 ABSENT: 2 (Stanley Siegel & Maria Mann) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next Scheduled Code Meeting: January 2024 meeting TBD (not set at this time)
A new committee will need to be put together first.