

Minutes of Heath Planning Board
October 4th, 2023

Present: Doug Mason (Chair), Will Emmet, Jo Travis, Steve Thane, Alice Wozniak (Boards Clerk)

Absent: Peter Charow

Guests: Heidi and Kelly Griswold and their daughter

1. Doug called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM
2. The public hearing to address the renewal of a special permit to operate Branch View Farm as a party venue and holiday shop was opened at 7:12 PM
 - a. Heidi Griswold (co-owner) gave the board some background on the request:
 - i. A temporary permit to operate Branch View Farm as a party venue and holiday shop was issued in 2019.
 - ii. The request before the board would involve a name change on the permit from Heidi and Kelly Griswold to Branch View Farm LLC.
 - b. The board and Ms. Griswold discussed the possibility of extending the operating days of Branch View Farm from 2 weekends per month (May to October) and the holiday shop (October to December) to 3 weekends per month. Venue operating hours would end at 9 pm with an extra hour for clean-up. Furthermore, Porta-potties would be placed behind the barn and all parking would be off-road.
 - c. The board noted that Branch View Farm has been a good neighbor and has promptly addressed all complaints in the past.
 - d. A vote was held by the board to grant a special permit for a term of current ownership for Branch View Farm to operate 3 weekends per month as discussed above. Steve made the motion, Jo seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor.
 - e. Steve made a motion to close the public hearing, Jo seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor.
3. The board discussed reorganization.
 - a. Will was nominated as recording secretary. Steve made a motion to that effect, Jo seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor.
 - b. Doug was nominated to continue as chair. Steve made a motion to that effect, Jo seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor.
 - c. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month as needed. Next meeting will be on November 1st at 7 pm.
4. Old business:
 - a. Vincent Rd: the board will send a recommendation to the Select board for review.
5. Will made a motion to adjourn, Steve seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

Respectfully submitted, William Emmet (secretary)