

**SBVD PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2024**

PRESENT: Joel Spiller, Robert Gossett, Ed David, Bob Weisner, Peter Dunn, John Giarrusso, Larry Deshler, Joe Balsamo, Steve Keaney, Tom Morgan, Don Hawkins

ABSENT: None

MEETING OPENED:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Joel Spiller led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the 5/13/2024 meeting were distributed and reviewed.
The minutes were approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Joel Spiller opened the public hearing at 7:03 PM

SBVD PB Case #24.01 – Proposal by Melinda Fuller owner of Ride the Wave LLC to increase outdoor seating to 25 seats at the Ground Swell takeout restaurant located at 210 Ocean Blvd, Seabrook, NH, Tax Map 26, Lot # 97–100.

The SBVD PB members introduced themselves and the applicant Melinda Fuller introduced herself. Prior to the meeting Ms. Fuller provided copies of her presentation to the board members. During her presentation she noted that her business consisted of two parts, Ride the Wave Yoga studio and Ground Swell take out café. This application to the PB is to request an increase in outdoor seating to 25 seats which can be placed either on or off the existing patio in the back of the SBVD building. She has cleaned up the area in the back of the building and it is now a nice place to wait for your order away from the traffic of the parking lot. It's also a great spot to enjoy your food and the scenery of the harbor.

Tom Morgan SBVD Planner reviewed his letter with the board (attached). He noted the PB reviewed this case on June 12, 2023 and agreed to waive jurisdiction to the Building Inspector subject to two conditions; 1) That outdoor seating will be limited to four tables and must remain on the brick patio and 2) The plumber and electrician must have their plans approved by the building inspector before starting their work. Morgan asked how many seats were currently in use. Ms. Fuller said there were 17 chairs in use and she was asking for an increase to 25.

Joel Spiller asked the board to accept the application as administratively complete. The board voted unanimously to accept the application as administratively complete.

Spiller asked where the seats would be located. Fuller said they would likely be moved around until they find the best configuration. She expected 4 seats at each of 4 tables with the additional 9 seats likely to be used at the bar top.

Larry Deshler asked if there would be any seating on the south side of the building. Fuller said there will be no seating but she may use 2 small round tables with umbrellas to provide shade for her clients

Spiller asked about parking. Fuller said many of her clients walk to the café and most of her business is done in the morning and early afternoon when the SBVD and Earnie's Restaurant are closed or lightly used. She uses the spaces in front of her store, SBVD parking spots and the Seabrook lot for residents with stickers. Parking has not been a problem. Spiller asked if she had a parking agreement with Earnie's. Fuller said no, just a good working relationship.

Spiller asked the PB members and the public if there were any more questions or comments. There were none. He asked Tom Morgan and Steve Keaney if they had any other comments. They did not.

Spiller closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM and asked for a vote on the application.

Motion to approve the application to increase outdoor seating to 25 seats at the Ground Swell take out restaurant located at 210 Ocean Blvd, Seabrook NH.

Motion made by: Robert Gossett

Motion seconded by: Robert Weisner

The motion passed by a hand vote with no attached conditions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on Seabrook Coastal Resiliency Team** – The Team has been awarded a NH DES planning grant to evaluate the conditions of the beach walkways and explore options for improving accessibility while maintaining the integrity of ecological systems. The grant is for 2 years. The Committee will hold planning sessions throughout 2024 and will update the public periodically. The NH DES will participate in those discussions. The NH DES has funds for dune restoration and may be a source for future grant money.
- **Seabrook Master Plan Update:** Tom Morgan said work is continuing on the Seabrook Master Plan. The Seabrook Planning Board has adopted two chapters. Work on the Town Facilities chapter will begin later in the year and will be followed by the Transportation Chapter. Morgan was asked if flooding on Rt. 286 would be addressed in the transportation chapter. Tom said it is an important evacuation route in case of a problem at the nuclear plant and needs to be addressed in the Seabrook Master Plan before it can be included in the NH Ten Year Plan.
- **NH Cannabis RSA Status:** Joel Spiller said the NH Cannabis Bill was defeated in the NH Senate and would not come up again this year.

- **NH HB 1291 to change the maximum allowed size of an ADU from 750 SF to 1000 SF:** The NH Senate indefinitely postponed HB 1291 which had passed the NH House in March 2024. No activity will take place on this bill for the balance of this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by,
Don Hawkins

Next PB Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The meeting may be canceled if there are no cases to review or business requiring the PB's attention.