

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
PLANNING BOARD
371 State Route 296
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Date: August 6, 2020

Open Meeting:

The Planning Board Meeting was opened by Chairperson Weiman with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00 PM.

Present: Chairperson – Dave Weiman
Members – Ed Shanley, Lisa Jaeger, Claudia Lane, Tom Poelker
1 Vacancy
Recording Secretary – Janine Soule

Also Present: Brendan O'Brien, Karen Hansen, John Martin, Martin Schmidt – Kaaterskill Associates, Mike Ryan – Mountain Eagle, Phyllis Parrish, Barbara Rittenhouse, Peter Scocmeir, Sandi Laskowski, Susan Sommers Evans, Nancy Ticho, Brain Hammel, Sergia Tsalapatani, Costas Tsalapatani, Scott Tyree, Gene Coe, Karen Coe, Bob Rhoades, Melinda Sokoll, Elizabeth Gross, Jonathan Gross, Richard Horsch, Demosthenes Hatzoglou, Tess Charbonneau, George Tortorelis, Claire Davis, Maggie Graham, Robert Lani, Loretta McNab, Joe Charbonneau, William MacGregor, Marilyn Carreras, Deana Carreras

Minutes from July 16, 2020: On a motion by Member Lane, 2nd by Member Shanley, with 3 in favor, 1 vacancy the Minutes of July 16, 2020 were approved as presented.

Sign Permit Application # 05 Windham Equipment Rental: 4944 State Route 23, Scott Powell. No one present for this application. Application not accepted. The sign for Windham Equipment Rental is with the sign for Crown Fuels of Windham, (sign permit application # 06) on the same post, and the total square feet exceeds the 32 square feet allowed by the Sign Law. Each sign is 48" x 96".

Sign Permit Application # 06 Crown Fuels of Windham: 4944 State Route 23, Scott Powell. No one present for this application. Application not accepted. The sign for Crown Fuels of Windham is with the sign for Windham Equipment Rental, (sign permit application # 05) on the same post, and the total square feet exceeds the 32 square feet allowed by the Sign Law. Each sign is 48" x 96".

Reconvened Public Hearing from July 16, 2020: Site Plan Review # 03 Mountain Top Cares Coalition: Tax Map # 78.18-1-47, 5494 State Route 23 – Recovery Community Outreach Center. Chairperson Weiman reads the Public Hearing notice. Member Jaeger asks for the green and white receipts. Chairperson Weiman acknowledges that the green and whites are in.

Jonathan Gross representing the Mountain Top Cares Coalition, presents a brief summary of what the Recovery Community Outreach Center is and what they are looking to accomplish. They are strictly a

volunteer organization run by volunteers. They do not take money from the government and do not intend to. They are completely self funded, completely volunteer. Anybody that wants to serve on an advisory panel with them may do so they cannot do this alone. Therefore, they are opening that up to anybody that wants to be with them. On the board, they have clergy, 2 different religious groups in town and around the mountain top that are serving with them, business people and professionals. This is going to be a very safe, but down area. People cannot loiter or hang out. People have to come there with a purpose. They are going to be extremely careful as how they present themselves to the community and what the guidelines are which will be very strict.

Chairperson Weiman states that he wants to make clear that this is a public hearing for a site plan review. That the Mountaintop Cares Coalition came to the Board with some landscaping proposals. The Board understands that this is a contentious issue. The Board is more than happy to hear everybody's comments this evening. However, the Board has other business before them this evening, so at some point, we are going to table this to take care of the rest of the people that are here and then we will come back to the public hearing.

Bob Rhoades is here to present to the Board a petition signed by many concerned citizens from the Mountaintop and surrounding areas. The concerns are genuine and essentially ask the Board to forgo any final approvals of this facility until the Public has had their chance to input to the Board. The petition asks among other questions that the Board allow a Public discussion prior to any approval of this facility at a well-publicized meeting to be held at a future date in the Town of Windham. There is no issue contained in this decision that disputes the mission and the statement of the facility. The issues are concerned with the location of the facility, which is felt to be way too close to the proximity to the school. Additional although not specifically referred to in the memorandum stated future intended uses of the building are of great concern and are felt to be important enough to warrant discussion. While the petition asks for the delay in approval, it is felt that the other issues of concern also deserve an appropriate recognition. The attention to these concerns is greatly appreciated.

Chairperson Weiman states, unfortunately being that this is a site plan review, as there are no provisions for zoning or the operation of a 503 C here within the Town of Windham I am going to ask that you please submit that petition to the Town Board for discussion. Because as far as the laws that we operate under, that is outside of our purview and the Board would be remiss by pulling that in when the questions asked by the petition cannot be answered by the Town of Windham Planning Board. So with all due respect, I have to refuse to accept your petition but I would request again, that you submit to the Town Board for their discussion. As I believe it would be ore their purview for the operation of the 503 C.

Marilyn Carreras would like to note her objection from a legal point of view. Marilyn states her time here as a resident and her experience and time as an attorney and in family court. She says that the Board asked for the green cards, but the only cards of notice were green & whites. There is no return receipt.

Chairperson Weiman states that those are the receipts.

Marilyn Carreras did not see them when she was in the file this morning. No, the Site Plan Review requires Certified Return Receipt, those are just receipts, they are not Certified Return Receipt, they are not return receipts. So there is a deficiency there. So notice was not properly made as in Section 5.010 of the Site Plan Review. And the language they use is "shall be notified by the applicant by mail (certified return receipt

requested), which was original asked for. They did not pay for certified return receipt, so they do not exist. That's the 1st deficiency. Her understanding is that at the last hearing, people were not allowed in the meeting who wanted to come in. There was only very few people allowed in 1 at a time. That is not what a public hearing is about.

Chairperson Weiman states that that is understandable but at that time, the Board was limiting the capacity of the room to 10. There are 6 people on the Board. At the last meeting, COVID had restriction and there could not be a full room, now we can. Marilyn states there is an issue, that she is filing an objection to that people were precluded from coming in the room. What the alternative would have been if people were not allowed in the room, the Board could have either Zoomed it or have had a microphone and had people standing in the hallway and standing up so people could have seen what people were saying and the reaction. That's what a public hearing is all about, note my objection.

Chairperson Weiman duly notes it. So let it be noted that the people that came in were giving basically private time to speak with the applicants. Mindy Sokoll states that they were served with papers to come in, that's why they were in here, because they live next door. Chairperson Weiman says everybody that was in the lobby was invited in to speak. Marilyn states, no not to speak, were they invited in to listen to the speakers. That is my point. Chairperson Weiman reminds Marilyn that unfortunately due to the COVID restrictions, Marilyn interrupts and says all right so the answer is no. COVID or not the answer is no. Most respectful, note my objection.

Marilyn Carreras – Lastly this is an ARB special use area. It is the Architectural Review Board Historic area. The application did not address the ARB. The fact that this facility is going to be in this area. Additionally, the use of that building prior to the present use was a mortgage building. It was a bank where 1 or 2 cars came and went. This is going to be a facility where there is going to be parties, where there is going to be socials, where there is going to be a whole lot of activity. In her estimation from a legal point of view a SEQRA should have been warranted, either under I or III and there should be a full impact statement or an environmental review because environment does not only address the physical plan, environment effects the quality of life of the people in the town. You can find that in all of your Site Plan Review literature. So there should be a SEQRA review, note my objection. That did not occur. Her position now that the Board is limiting this to a site plan review and the Board is not going to allow the citizens to submit petitions. The Board should just except the petition and leave it at that. It seems to her that there has been a whole lot of irregularities that are occurring here.

Chairperson Weiman states that he is sorry, but the Board is not going to take her advice. While he is sure it is well intended, the purview of this Board is a Site Plan Review. We are subjecting this particular endeavor to much more scrutiny then most any other business has ever received except possible the Smith's and their Wedding Venue up on County Route 10.

Marilyn wants to know if this meeting is being recorded because this is going to go up to where ever it has to be taken because she very strongly disagrees with the position that the Board is taking. She feels that due diligence by this Board, who represents the citizens, who are taxpayers, are not doing their duty. The Board is not doing their due diligence for all of us except for a very few select people who may benefit by this. Note my objection. Chairperson Weiman states that this Board is a ministerial Board, which they came to the Board with all the proper paper work for a site plan review. Marilyn states that the application is deficient. It does not even suggest what the parking lot is. It shows a sketch of the building and just says parking on the side.

She states that this parking area is not large enough, nor is the entrance large enough, nor is the street really going to be able to handle the amount of cars that they are talking about for people to come to Super Bowl parties, Chairperson Weiman asks Super Bowl parties? That is what they are advertising. So maybe the Board is not familiar with what is going on and that is her point. The Board is not doing its due diligence because the Board does not really see what is going on. She does not think that the Board has the fore site to understand what this facility will bring. It offends her greatly that someone would pick this particular facility that is so close to the school. Someone from the public asks Marilyn if she knows how far away the school is. Marilyn states that it is less than 1000 feet and her house is less than 500 feet. She should have gotten a notice as well and objects to the fact that she did not get a notice, that no one bothered to ring her door bell or tell her what was going on. Now they are coming here to say that they want us to cooperate.

Sandi Laskowski states that she was a CSAC (Certified Substance Abuse Counselor) and she worked with people with additions at Twin County Recovery Center. She would like to know about the qualifications and the licenses that the Center has and how are those people qualified to recommend what goes next in the process for the recovery. Is there an educational process? **Scott Tyree** with the Huntersfield Christian Training Center and the Recovery Community Outreach Center responds that he is certified through Oasis and he has taken the training which is 25 hours of supervised work as well as 500 hours of advocacy training. **Sandi** would also like to know if there will be needles or needle exchanges at the Recovery Center? **Scott** explains that there is no plan but there is a possibility. They are entertaining harm reduction but at this point no needle exchange. **Sandi**, once there do you send them to another location for other assistance and how do they get there? **Scott** says if someone comes and needs to go to detox, if someone needs treatment we will be sending them to do that. They have been working with Greener Pathways to help with transporting.

Maggie Graham was the director of Community Services with Greene County and retired about 1 ½ years ago. She is now on the Board of the Mountaintop Cares Coalition to provide her experience in this area. She explains that this is not a treatment facility, it is a recovery community center, so it is really working with people who want to get into recovery. Maggie has meet with the Mobile Crisis Assessment Team of Columbia & Greene Counties and they will be an entity that the Recovery Center will be working with. The hope is that the Recovery Center will be able to work with family members and communities that are being impacted by addictions. The Recovery Center is a non-clinical base service.

Deana Carreras states that she was a licensed master social worker until this week because she did not send in her renewal and she has not been acting as a licensed master social worker. Deana knows Maggie Graham very well, they have worked together at Greene County Mental Health. Deana's family home is in Windham and her daughter and her are graduates of WAJ. When her daughter was younger, it came to her attention about the drug issues in Windham. Deana thinks we need a recovery center but we do not need a brick and mortar center on Main Street that is only doing connectional services. Anonymity is needed, a safe space, a large piece of land with clinicians. People will not go to the clinics unless they feel safe and have anonymity.

Sandi states people that know there is a weakness and the people who are going because they are suffering, generally the drug dealers, are right outside. Same thing with detox centers, hospitals, the drug dealers are right there because the dealers know people are craving what they were using. So there's a concern because this will be by the school and a populated area that something like that could exist, where drug dealers would be around. What is the difference between coaches and counselors? **Scott** says that a coach is someone who acts as you think of, as an athletic coach and guides the person through the pathway to the recovery they

desire. So if someone comes in, the coaches can suggest what steps should be taken. A coach is different from a counselor because a coach does not dig into their life, a counselor guides them along.

Barbara Rittenhouse agrees with Sandi, she is 100% right. If a person has a problem and they are struggling, they go there (recovery center) and you do not have something for them, they are going to go outside and find a drug dealer because that is where the dealer is going to be. **Scott** says there is some risk. You are saying that you are not planning to dispense needles at this time, which means once you get approval down the road, you will want to make sure they have safe needles so you will start handing out needles 1000 feet from the school. **Scott** says they do not have a harm reduction plan at this point. **Barbara** – you are asking us to put this facility in our neighborhood but you do not have all the answers yet.

Scott would like to address the topic of drug dealers being outside. He thinks it is important to know who the clientele will be. It will be people who are wanting to quit. There are many comments on this from the public – Not always – Not if they are coming from the courts – they just want to get it over with – they will tell the coach / counselors what they want to hear. **Scott** – No one is court mandated to come to this center. **Public** – has the center talked to the courts or are partnering with the courts? Again **Scott** states no one will be court mandated..

Karen Hansen asks if there will be Narcan in the center? Both **Scott** and **Maggie** say yes. **Karen** – Why? Isn't Narcan a drug? **Scott** – no, it is not a drug you get high on.

Chairperson Weiman wants everyone to know as a heads up, in about another 10 minutes or so we are going to have to table this so that the Board can run our other business but we will re-adjourn. George say your piece in about 10 then we will take a break.

George Tortorelis - He is not here to support or be against. He is here to give the public some information on where he comes from and where law enforcement comes from in Greene County. First, he wants to clear up some misinformation. The Sheriff's office is not the developer of this. They may use it as a resource. The Sheriff, who could not attend this meeting, has a statement, "all we can say is we support all of our community partners in this effort including Mountaintop Cares and that they will provide legitimate resources to effected individuals, persons in need and their families but we do not get involved in their logistics". Now from my (George) stand point as being in law enforcement and a resident of Windham for more than 40 years. His thoughts are that we hope this program is more beneficial to the community then detrimental. As far as proximity to the school, he cannot say what, if any impact it would have. However, what he can say is what he knows of the program and what he has been briefed on by **Jonathan**. **George** has worked with both **Scott** and **Maggie** for years in Greene County. The people that the public is dealing with, their intentions, and their professionalism is 100%, that part he can vouch for. He can say of the program is that the people who come here are voluntarily seeking assistance. They are not court mandated. Some of the horror stories people hear about places where they are court mandated and there are people outside dealing drugs that is because the court mandated people have to be there. They go, they make their appearance, do their time sign in and sign out and say that they were there. This is not that situation this is voluntary. **Ray Larson** – NYC paramedic for 35 years asks if George has seen a person addicted to these drugs that we are talking about here. That seeks treatment at some of these treatment centers or groups that supposedly direct them somewhere else. Have you ever seen people try to voluntarily insinuate themselves into programs like this as a fugitive from the courts? **George** – this program here is not residential so if they do anything they are going to make a referral to another agency. **Roy** – But you said they are going voluntarily, what is to stop that person voluntarily

seeking treatment at their facility here in Windham as a refugee from the law. **George** – if they are going to be a refugee from the law they are going to be a refugee somewhere. We started a program in the Sheriff's office recently in the last 6 weeks, it is called "The Impacted Citizens Program". And what they do is him and another person respond to overdoses that have occurred approximately anywhere from 24 hours to 72 hours, they respond afterward. They meet with the person, they offer assistance, see if they want to get into some kind of program, ask them if they are seeking some kind of help and 85 % of these people say yes but they do not know where to turn. They are looking for a little outreach and then he makes them feel comfortable and once they feel comfortable they sign and then he can refer them on from there with HIPAA and all that. This is a program here where they may feel comfortable with stopping in, he does not know. It may not work, they may start it, and they may not get enough people getting involved. The fact that this being a small community and that place being pretty insight he does not believe the Town is going to have a ton of drug dealers or anything outside waiting for people to come out. Someone in the public states they hang out in front of the gas station. **George** would also hope that the staff would maintain a vigilant oversight of the area outside to insure there are no risks to the community as well as the clients they may be serving. On any given day, as someone stated, there are drug dealers walking through Town or driving through Town, so he does not think the Town will have a dramatic increase in that and the people that they may help are less inclined to commit crimes in the future. The people that he has visited did not look the stereotypical dealers the public is thinking of or drug users. They are our friends, they could be our family, and they could be our neighbor, co-worker or whoever. They are people we know. Maybe this is not the perfect program, he does not know, but it is a starting point. Public answering whether they are our neighbors or family, drugs affect them all the same.

Deana – we are not saying that the drug dealers are their new clients; their clients are our residents and our community members, our children. This is a drug corridor, everyone in law enforcement knows that, and they have dealers within the community and Main Street is one of the higher traffic areas where people hang out and use, especially the young adults. **George** comments that **Jonathan** himself said that he is willing to get an advisory report together. It sounds like most of the people here may be against the location, the facility or the idea of it. **Deana** – no it is the location of it. The public agrees with this and states that the idea of it is fine. **George** says get together with **Jonathan** and the board and come up with a solution, talk about it. **Deana** would like to know if they are open to a new location. **Jonathan** says that is a question he cannot answer but is willing to talk about it, everything is on the table at this point, we are there. He does not want to give the wrong impression. **Marilyn** says it does mention in the literature, the literature that she has done extensive reading of handouts, online, brochures, and listened to many records and there is a lot of inconsistencies in what is said in the different brochures. Her problem is where it says this is going to be community based, it is going to be our neighbors, it is our friends. She wants to know what laws are they going to rely on when people decide that this facility, if it is so great, they are not going to come from out of the area or that social service people from Ulster County are not going to refer them up here. It happened in Catskill. It has been down with housing, we have many bad people coming up here with the housing because of what social service was doing. There is nothing to preclude that from happening here. If it happens, we have to deal with it. But, we do not have to deal with it on Main Street. That is going to destroy this Town. It is too big of a risk. There are kids walking back and forth in front of her house all the time and they are going to pass that facility. It is not the people in the facility that is going to be the problem, it is the people that are going to be coming to it. Where are they coming from? No law can stop them. You have to talk to everybody. Lots of comments coming from the public at once. What is the strategy? There always has to be a growth plan. You say you are taking no money, so how are you paying the bills financially? **Maggie** answers that the plan is that they will be applying for grants, some kind of grant funding to help sustain – comments from the public all together, so federal funding, they are going to ship other people her. Roy says that they had commented that there was going to be no federal funding. Several comments from the public all at once. So they are getting grants,

Jonathan answers, you do not know that. So right now they are a volunteer organization and they are privately funded (more comments from several people at once) **Marilyn** says they need to know what is going to happen down the road. They have to look that far ahead. That is what this Board should be doing that they are not doing. That is what these people want. Several people are saying “keywords are not right now and not at this time. Same thing with the needles, we are not planning on it at this time”.

Chairperson Weiman breaks in we are going to have to table this for a little while so that the Board can take care of some other business. Hopefully, the public can have a not very contentious discussion out front out in the lobby while the Board takes care of our other business. We will reconvene as soon as possible.

Chairperson Weiman makes a motion to table the Public Hearing at this time, 2nd by **Member Jaeger**, 3 in favor, 1 vacancy.

Major Subdivision Application # 07 William & Nancy Woods: Tax Map # 61.00-2-48, Martin Schmidt of Kaaterskill Associates is here purposing a 5 lot subdivision of the old Melody Manor on Mitchell Hollow Rd. The existing property is about 13.95 acres and they are going to make 5 lots, 1.36 acres, 1.75 acres, 1.93 acres, 3.14 acres and 5.77 acres. The one lot will be greater than 5 acres so they will not be triggering a realty subdivision. DEP has been on site and have done some soil testing. The existing building that is there will remain on the property (old Melody Manor Building). A waiver on the 40’ set back is going will be asked for at the next meeting of August 20, 2020. The wet lands will be delineated. Everything that is on the plans is outside of any wetlands except for the potentially small part on the access road. Martin turned over a new plan application and EAF because the wrong address was used on the original paperwork. Chairperson Weiman makes a motion to accept the proposed sketch plan for the Woods subdivision, 2nd Member Poelker, 3 in favor, 1 vacancy.

Chairperson Weiman makes a motion to suspend the Planning Board Meeting so the ARB Meeting can be opened for business, 2nd Member Lane, 3 in favor, 1 vacancy.

Chairperson Weiman makes a motion to reopen the Planning Board Meeting for the Public Hearing at 8:49 pm, 2nd Member Lane, 3 in favor, 1 vacancy.

Chairperson Weiman in light of the questions raised by the public, we will continue to hear comments for a little while longer, but we will be continuing the Public Hearing until our next meeting, as we need to verify that the building is within the ARB. We need to verify the limits of the people that we notified of the Public Hearing regardless right now of the Certified Return Receipt requested. Also, since we asked that the petition be delivered to the Town Board we also want to give them the opportunity to review the petition and over the Planning Board some guidance being this is somewhat outside of our bailiwick. The Town Board meeting will be August 13, 2020.

Brendon O’Brien says he has a PHD in recovery and believes people should have a place to get sober but he has a daughter going into the 4th grade at WAJ and he has seen the devastation first hand of treatment centers and what they do. This shouldn’t be a short distance away from where the kids play soccer. For someone to get and stay sober is less then 3% chance. Everybody has the right to get sober but chances are 97% of the people are not going to get it. He states that he did not move here to have a rehab center across the road from school, he could have just stayed where he was if that is what he wanted.

Karen Hansen wants to know what are the guarantees that these people that are getting recovery are not going to get pissed off and they are not going to rob houses or breaking into things because they want a fix instead. **Scott** – I think what is at the root of the disagreement is what we are trying to do and the difference between a treatment center which is where he works right now, at Huntersfield outside of Prattsville. We are up on a hill and no one hears from us really. But we are a treatment facility. While we may look nice on the outside, there is a mess going on there and that is people early on in recovery. We have a lot of patience, love, and we bring them into our family. **Marilyn** That is the Christian Center, right? **Scott** yes. So, we do get them through. What is our success rate? Who knows? We have people doing very well, we have people doing very poorly right now. But, 1 thing is consistent and that is that we are a treatment center dealing with these people in early recovery. So, we are always going to have that mess. It is really important to know what our Recovery Community Center is doing. Which is we are taking in people that want to quit but we do not treat them. We send them to the people they need to go to. The primary reason why we are there is to help people who are in sustained long term recover. We are here to help them continue to do that. When you see the list of activities on that sheet, that is not what we are doing every day, or every week, or every year. Those are examples of things that can happen. We are trying to create activities where people in sustained long-term recovery can go to build a community of sober people. It is just a place to vent. We are not treating people. We may have a situation but no one is going to come to our place with the expectation of receiving drugs. They are coming with the expectation of sobriety. **Roy** – you are not in the habit of treating people or delivering drugs but you say you are going to administer Narcan. **Scott** – If somebody is having an overdose, we will give them Narcan. **Roy** – I know what Narcan does, it is not a harmless drug. After being administered Narcan and the person comes off of their high, they are going to be projectile vomiting. **Scott** – they are going to kick back into extreme withdrawal, he gets it, yes. **Roy** – How do you know what specific drug or array of drugs they will have on board when they arrive? **Scott** – that is up to them to tell us. He has the policies with him. If they are under the influence of drugs there is a small area that they can be. They cannot be in the rest of the community. **Roy** – Who says that? **Scott** – It is our policy. **Roy** – Who is going to enforce it? **Scott** – whoever is working. **Chairperson Weiman** interrupts several people taking at once, do you have an actual question in there for Scott. **Roy** – If you are saying, you are not a clinical facility, who then is providing the clinicians expertise including the prescription for Narcan? **Scott** responds that he has Narcan in his car, he has been Narcan trained. **Roy** – A doctor at some point has had to administer a prescription for the Narcan that you are carrying. Who is providing this medical oversight? **Scott** asks what the persons name is and someone answers with an inaudible first name with a last name or Zimmerman. **Roy** – Who is providing the medical direction or oversight? **Scott** – The trainer from Oasis. **Roy** – the trainer is not a physician. **Chairperson Weiman** Okay, duly noted sir. Bill you had a question. **Bill MacGregor** would like to read an article from the newspaper. **Member Jaeger** states that it is too late. **Chairperson Weiman**, I would like to table this meeting. The public responds we are going to table this again? **Chairperson Weiman** – Well we cannot quite be done and I know we have a lot of people that need to speak. Like I said, I would like to table it at some point to allow the Town Board to weigh in because again this is kind of above our pay grade for the laws that we have to deal with. Bill? **Bill** states that he withdraws his question. **Chairperson Weiman** – So, nothing aside from the article? He asks if Bill wants to turn the article in and it will be added into the record. **Bill** says it is about Narcan. The question is either it is clinical or it is not clinical. Mr. Gross says it is not clinical, now this gentleman here says it has to be administered. You cannot have it both ways. **Chairperson Weiman** asks Deana if she had a question. **Deana** says it is hard to sustain a recovery center. We talked about Oasis and World Health Network and they have other requirements to obtain those grants that they are going to ask you to do. **Scott** says the grants that they would apply for through Oasis will require them to track who is coming and who is going and to see success rates. **Someone** says, you said there is a recovery treatment center at Huntersfield in Prattsville, which is literally 7 minutes from the place you are planning to open now. Would it

not be feasible and easier to establish a community outreach center there where you actually have the treatment center in the event that it is needed rather than on Main Street. **Scott** says no, because what we are doing is building a recovery community center, which is bringing people from the community. The same person says, first off it is a small community and you keep saying that and I understand that. She knows most every bodies car that is in the meeting now, if you are talking about someone from this community, they are not parking their car at a recovery treat or recovery resource center because everybody in town will know what it is.

Demosthenes Hatzoglou – How are these clients going to get to your center? Are you providing transportation for them. **Jonathan** responds, one of the things we are doing is we have a transportation committee, some people are beginning to fund it with gas cards so we do have a way to bring people from one place to another. **Demosthenes** – So now you bring these people here how many would you say be there at any one giving day. Someone answers, it is whatever the capacity limit is allowed in the facility. **Demosthenes**, so now you brought these people there and they say they do not want a ride home and they are going to hang around town. **Scott**, well with our recovery rides program that is a 2 way ride. Someone takes them to the meeting and they wait and then take them home. **Demosthenes** so you are going to send them out of the program, is that what you are saying. **Scott** yes. **Demosthenes**, the gentleman said that Narcan is a prescribed medicine, you are going to have this in your facility. It will be there in case you need it. Is the facility going to be open 24 / 7? **Scott** – no. **Demosthenes** – How is that drug going to be safeguarded in that facility. What is stopping someone from breaking in to steal it? **Jonathan** says, so it will be in a secure spot but Narcan, with all due respect, you can take training and if you are certified through that training, you can administer Narcan. There is a lot of speaking at once from the public. **Chairperson Weiman** speaks up and says let him answer the question. **Jonathan** goes on, the reason people are administering Narcan is because people are overdosing. **Demosthenes** my question is where are you going to keep your supply. **Scott** responds Narcan is the opposite of a drug that gets you high. It gets you un-high. No one abuses Narcan, ever. Everyone is speaking at once, answer the question. **Scott** says they would not want it. **Demosthenes** asks Why in the Town of Windham? **Jonathan** speaks, so were not in the middle of Town we are on the outskirts of Town. More talking from the public. **Chairperson Weiman** quiets everyone down and says can you let him answer the question please. **Jonathan** – He understands the issue. It is one of the reasons why they came here. We understand the concerns. They feel without any question, that they are going to manage this place in such a way as to make sure that there is **Marilyn** interrupts at this point and says that is not the question. **Jonathan** states if they felt that we were going to be a deterrent or a danger to anybody in town, then we would not open it. We think just the opposite. We think that that location is going to be a location that will let people that are in recovery to have some access to, but we are going to monitor it rigorously. This is not a treatment center it is not a rehab center, **Marilyn** speaks again. That is not the question. **Jonathan** says he is answering it, so this place came up. The building is perfect for what we want and it is far enough away from the center of Town we felt. We talked to some of the local people, our direct neighbors and there was not an objection. What we are doing is not perfect. We understand that. We have things that we are learning as we grow. That location does seem just right. We are going to manage it in a way that we think in over time, you will be proud to have us be part of your community. **Demosthenes** says, so if you want to be on the outskirts of town, 10 miles east of here on 23 right up on the hill is a beautiful building that was built for commercial space, was never occupied, from the day it was built with a parking lot. Why not go there. **Chairperson Weiman and Member Lane** both say thank you sir, duly noted. This starts several people speaking all at once. **Demosthenes** says, can he get an answer. If you are letting me ask a question then let me get an answer. More arguing. **Jonathan** responds so we are going to answer the question and asks Scott to answer. **Scott** responds that they choose that area because they believe they are going to provide a net

benefit. It is going to take time for us to prove that. We believe we are going to be providing positive benefit to the community. **Chairperson Weiman** interrupts. I am going to table this meeting at 9:30 pm. Can I get another question or is everybody willing to relax until we get to the next meeting. You will have a chance to sit down with the Town Board, advise them of your concerns before our next meeting. Are we okay with that? Someone speaks out, who actual makes the final decision on if these guys can come in or not. **Chairperson Weiman** so as I mentioned earlier from a Site Plan Review Law stand point, we do. AS whether or not this would be allowed to operate within the Town of Windham, I am kicking that to the Town Board because without zoning, we have no guidance and we do not have the power in my opinion to approve of something like this. Site Plan, the landscaping they want, absolutely but a petition and discussion like this, way above my pay grade. I will tell you what, I do not want to answer that question because I do not have the guidance to do it. I do not have a law behind me. Question from the public, so this is going to the Town Board? **Chairperson Weiman** this is going to the Town Board so I would suggest again, please deliver your petition to them. Please feel free to go to the next meeting. Because this is not a decision we can make under the laws at our disposal. Cannot happen. Another question from the public. So after this is all said and done you guys cannot make the decision to have this or not? **Chairperson Weiman** not in my opinion. Town Board makes the final decision. **Member Shanley** states it has to be from the Town Board. **Chairperson Weiman** I can tell them they can put their planters in. That is the extent of it. Like I said this goes way above anything that we have tools to deal with. **Ray** asks have we considered an institutional service to see where these interventional medical facilities would come into play when they are so far away. **Jonathan** says they have meet with George Tortorelis, 3 people from the Sheriff's office and with the Mobile Crisis Unit. So that is about 2 out of about 5 agencies that we will have access to. So that is why we are there. If someone comes in with an issue or if there is crisis we can navigate them. We have access to all the different agencies. They can come to us and we can send them in the right direction. We have access to transportation. **Deana** asks how are you accounting within your business plan for incorporating those resources and has there been an impact study on the additional resources that may occur. **Scott** thinks that may be a question for the Town. **Chairperson Weiman** asks since this will be continued can they reach out to the other agencies. **Jonathan** says they will reach out to every one that they can. We understand there is an issue with the location. It is good to hear that there is support for the idea of a recovery center. Now we have to address the fact that we are in a certain location. It is going to go in front of the Town Board. We hear the concerns about this. **Chairperson Weiman** asks do we have any further questions before the Planning Board tables this until our next meeting? **Demosthenes** says he has a question for the Planning Board. Has the Board looked into the effect that this center might have on the property value of the homes in Windham. **Chairperson Weiman** says they have not. **Demosthenes** asks if it is possible that they property values could drop.

Chairperson Weiman makes a motion to suspend this meeting to the meeting on August 20, 2020, 2nd by Member Shanley, 3 in favor, 1 vacancy, the meeting was placed on hold until August 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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