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Planning Board Public Hearing Minutes for the Meeting of May 10, 2017

David Roberson, Chairman, Robin Reed, Jodi Brown, Dan Burke, and Doug Wilson, scribe, were all present. Also present were Rosie Gordon, Jean Claude vanItallie, and Deborah Katz

The Public Hearing Meeting was called to order by David at 7:05 pm.

At the Public Hearing of April 19, 2017, members of the Planning Board asked for more information and we asked David to talk to Donna MacNicol, our attorney, which he did. In response to David's questions, Donna MacNicol noted several issues that made granting a special permit problematic, including the uses already occurring at the property hosted by his non-profit foundation, Shantigar. She was asked where Jean Claude (JC) might appeal the decision and she said it was up to JC to show that our action was not appropriate, if he chose to appeal. The Planning Board (PB) cannot give a permit to something that is potentially a violation of existing laws and we don't know what the current uses are. Donna suggested that JC be asked if he would withdraw his application.

David pointed out that the PB made policies but did not enforce them, so we don't have a way of seeing if our findings are being adhered to. He also said that we were not supposed to talk about issues that come before the PB outside of our official meetings. ~~since according to~~. Everything needs to be done in public.

JC did withdraw his application, which the PB accepted. David said we do not have to notify any property owners or neighboring towns about ~~our actions.~~ THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPLICATION.

It was moved that the Public Hearing adjourn, which was seconded and passed. The Public Hearing was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18.