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**DERBY PLANNING COMMISSION \*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\* March 21, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave LaBelle, Jim Bumps, Joe Profera, Jane Clark, Richard Del Favero.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Frank Knoll, Alicia Knoll, Mick Conley, Margaret Erwin, ZA Bob Kelley.

7:00 p.m.: Chair Joe Profera called the meeting to order. Dave LaBelle made a motion to approve the minutes to the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Seconded by Jane Clark. **Approved by a unanimous decision.**

Chair Joe Profera read the warning application 16-003 by Frank & Alicia Knoll, PIN #RT111055G6T, for site plan approval to use an existing barn and associated temporary tent structures for indoor entertainment activities such as wedding receptions, social gatherings and fund raising events. This property is located at 951 Route 111 and is in the Shoreland (SD) zoning district. This application was tabled from the Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Dave LaBelle made a motion to remove the application from the table. Seconded by a Richard Del Favero. **Approved by a unanimous decision.**

Frank & Alicia Knoll were present to explain the request. The barn use started when they had a party in 2012 and someone at the party asked about having a wedding there. The first wedding was in 2013. Last year they had about 8 events. The Knolls explained how they operate the barn for events. Wedding ceremonies are typically near the pond and the receptions in the barn. They supply the location and the person hosting the event supplies everything else. They require porta-potties and music must stop at 11:00 pm. They have never had a problem. Mick Conley and Margaret Erwin were both in favor of the application and thought it would be good for the community. Dave LaBelle made a motion to close application 16-003 by Frank & Alicia Knoll. Seconded by Jane Clark. **Approved by a unanimous decision.**

After deliberations Dave LaBelle made a motion to grant site plan approval for application 16-003 by Frank & Alicia Knoll as submitted (see attached written decision). Seconded by Jane Clark. **Approved by a unanimous decision.**

Reorganize the board. Dave LaBelle made a motion for Joe Profera to remain chair and Dave LaBelle to remain vice-chair. Seconded by Jim Bumps. **Approved by a unanimous decision.**

Wedding barns were discussed. They liked how Hinesburg is regulating this use. They require 50 ft setbacks, 500 ft to the nearest residence, access to a state or town road, compatibility with the neighborhood, and compliance with all other relevant provisions of the bylaw. Bob will draft something up for the commission to review at their next meeting.

The commission reviewed their mail.

8:10 p.m.: On a motion by Jim Bumps and seconded by Dave LaBelle, the meeting was adjourned.

*The minutes were taken by Bob Kelley.*