

**St. Michaels Planning Commission**  
**St. Michaels Town Office**  
**300 Mill Street**  
In Person and Virtual Session  
July 19, 2022 - 1:00 P.M.

**Present:** Planning Commission Chairman Jefferson Knapp and Members Cynthia Allen, Chris Thomas, Helen Herman, John Novak, Zoning Officer Kym Kudla, Town Administrator Rob Straebel, and members of the public.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Knapp called the Planning Commission's regular meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland.

**II. Minutes**

- June 21, 2022 - Member Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022, as presented. Member Allen seconded the motion, which then passed on a voice vote of 5-0 in favor.
- July 5, 2022 - Member Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022, as presented. Member Allen seconded the motion, which then passed on a voice vote of 5-0 in favor.

**III. Discussion items**

*Noise*

Mr. Straebel verified he spoke with the town attorney and police chief regarding enforcement of the noise ordinance and businesses do appear to be cooperating.

Discussion ensued on the current ordinance and enforcement.

Members agreed to table the issue until September to see how the season goes with businesses self-policing and police stepping up enforcement.

Floor was open to public comment.

Doug Rollow of Water Street offered a few comments.

Karen Wald of Grace Street made a comment about earlier comments made about setting a precedent.

George Galgano of Green Street spoke on compromise.

*Tents*

Ms. Kudla commented on licensing information. Mr. Gilmore commented on the need for life/fire safety. Discussion ensued on the proposed language and an insurance requirement. Ms. Kudla agreed to contact town attorney about requiring a Certificate of Insurance.

Doug Rollow of Water Street suggested checking with MML as well.

*Trees*

Discussion started on how and why we should regulate tree removal.

Doug Rollow of Water Street stated that Historic District guidelines have landscaping requirements and suggested community input.

*Other items*

Member Allen will be unavailable for Tuesday meetings starting in September. Members discussed a new day/time.

Pending an okay from Member Herman, the Board agreed to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 11am starting in September.

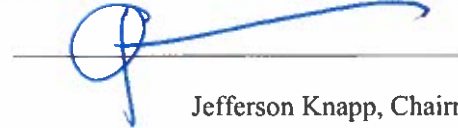
Ms. Kudla would get a Constant Contact sent out notifying the public of the time/day change, noise ordinance update, and request for tree mitigation comments.

Discussion moved on to the process for public comments.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 3 vote in favor on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022.



Jefferson Knapp, Chairman