

**TOWN OF READING  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
January 19, 2023**

**PRESENT:** D. Chutas, L. Tischler, B. Chapman, PB Secretary T. Alger

**ABSENT:** M. Sorber

**SEATED:** Louis DeBolt, Alternate, has been seated as a voting member for this meeting by Planning Board Chairman, D. Chutas

**VISITORS:** Daneil Lai – 3380 County Road 28, WG  
M. Rondinaro – 3339 Co. Rd. 30

Called to order at 6:30 PM by D. Chutas. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW OF DECEMBER 2022 MINUTES**

L. Tischler made a motion to accept the December 2022 minutes as written. Seconded by L. DeBolt.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Land Use Law Chapter 10.4 Expansion, Alteration and Restoration revisions were sent to the Town Attorney for review. Hoping to schedule a public hearing in March.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CASTEL GRISH FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS – 3380 COUNTY ROAD 28, WG**

Daniel Lai appeared before the Planning Board to present plans for his seasonal walk-through Festival of Lights Exhibit. The festival plans to open on weekends beginning February 10<sup>th</sup> with a seasonal run that may be extended from March into the summer months if there is enough visitor traffic.

Mr. Lai provided information on parking, safety, sound and light barriers, hours of operation, and also provided a copy of his Emergency Response Plan that he has in place at another one of his venues located in Middlefield, CT.

Many questions were asked by the Planning Board regarding safety, disturbances to neighbors, if there are any permanent structures being erected, safety of pathways, and emergency response plan.

**RESOLUTION 23-1**

B. Chapman made a motion to approve a 1 year Site Plan with the following conditions. Seconded by L. Tischler

<b>AYES:</b>	D. Chutas	<b>NAYES:</b>	None
	B. Chapman		
	L. Tischler		
	L. DeBolt		

- 1) A walk-thru is required by the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) before the start of the event.
- 2) A “Safety and Emergency Response Plan” specifically for the Castel Grisch Exhibit is to be submitted to the Town of Reading Clerk with a copy to the Town of Reading CEO before the walk-thru is scheduled. This Safety Plan submitted by the property owner will be made a part of this approval and shall be strictly adhered to.
- 3) The scheduled hours of operation will be Friday thru Sunday with a start time before dusk and an end time of 10:00 pm.
- 4) No fueling of generators during public hours or storage of fuel in the exhibit areas.
- 5) A contact person on site needs to be provided to the Reading Town Clerk before the start of the event.
- 6) Adequate lighting will need to be provided for the walking path and parking lot areas.
- 7) If traffic becomes an issue on County Road 28, in the opinion of the town staff, it may be necessary to hire traffic control services.
- 8) Event meeting(s) may be required to take place between the organizers and the Town of Reading Staff to go over any issues or concerns as this is a long running event.
- 9) A site plan will be required at least one week before the January 2024 Town of Reading Planning Board for reauthorization if the event is to be scheduled for next year.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Alternate L. Debolt accepted invitation to be a Planning Board Member to fill vacancy of M. Rondinaro whose term ended on December 31, 2022. The Planning Board now needs an Alternate member.

L. Tischler made a motion to retain the current appointments of the following officers. Seconded by L. DeBolt.

Don Chutas – Chairperson  
 Barb Chapman – Vice Chairperson

AYES:	D. Chutas B. Chapman L. Tischler L. DeBolt	NAYES:	None
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Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm by B. Chapman and seconded by L. DeBolt

Next Planning Board Meeting February 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM