

CITY OF LEWISTON
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES for November 28, 2011

I. **ROLL CALL:** The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairperson, Lucy Bisson, chaired the meeting.

II. **Members in Attendance:** Lucy Bisson, Bruce Damon, Denis Fortier, Kevin Morissette, Eric Potvin, and Paul Robinson

Members Absent: Trinh Burpee

Associate Member Present: Michael Marcotte and Sandra Marquis

Staff Present: David Hediger, City Planner

III. **ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:** None

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

V. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Request from Veterinary Support Services for a use determination that an animal cremation facility is substantially similar to and compatible with permitted or conditional uses in the Highway Business district, pursuant to Article V, Section 3(g) and Article XI, Section 12 of the Zoning and Land Use Code of the City of Lewiston.

Michael and Sandra were appointed as voting members.

David Hediger read his memo.

Lucy asked about odors from the facility. Paul Cutter, on behalf of Veterinary Support Services explained there are no odors and they are licensed by DEP.

Bruce asked about the lot at 19 Foss Road. Paul noted the lot is located in a business park, abutted by an abandoned rail line, light industrial and vacant lots. Business hours are typically Monday through Friday, sometimes Saturdays. However, cremation activities may only occur several hours each day.

Paul Robinson asked if this is going to be a new building. Paul Cutter said it would be a new building, 5,000-9,000sf to replace his current operation in Turner.

Sandy asked for clarification on the paper supply business. Paul indicated the paper products are provided directly to and for veterinary services.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: by **Bruce Damon** to find that the proposed animal cremation facility at 19 Foss Road is substantially similar to and compatible with veterinary facilities including kennels, mortuary or funeral parlor, hospitals, and fully enclosed light industrial uses as permitted in the Highway Business (HB) district, pursuant to Article V, Section 3(g) for the Zoning and Land Use Code, and that said use shall be regulated as a conditional use upon submittal of an application for development review. Second by **Denis Fortier**.

VOTED: 7-0 (Passed)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Kevin Morrisette arrived at 6:45 and replaced Michael Marcotte as a voting member.

a. Riverfront Master Plan Update

The board recapped the meeting held on November 16th.

b. Any other business Planning Board Members may have relating to the duties of the Lewiston Planning Board.

The Board asked staff to contact the Auburn Planning Board to set up a joint meeting for later this winter.

VII. READING OF MINUTES:

No minutes were provided, thus no action taken.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The following motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: by **Denis Fortier** that this meeting adjourns at 6:15 p.m. Second by **Eric Potvin**.

VOTED: 7-0 (Passed).

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Monday, December 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denis E. Fortier, Secretary