

**Town of Otisfield  
Planning Board  
Public Hearing Minutes  
April 19, 2016**

**1. Call to Order:** The Hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair - Karen Turino.

**2. Attendance:** Members present were Chair - Karen Turino, Vice Chair – Beth Damon, Secretary – Rick Jackson, Herb Olsen, David McVety Alternate – David Hyer, & Alternate – Stan Brett)  
Code Enforcement Officer: Richard St. John  
Tanya Taft – Absent

Public: Ed Truman, Cyndy Zils, William Hunter, Sam Knolten, Joseph Woodberry, Leslie Dixon, Hal Ferguson, Norm David, Deborah David, Linda Annance, David Cole, Sandra Cole, Robert Becker, David Hartford.

**3. Hearing:**

Comment was made that all application materials were available for public inspection at the CEO office. Tammy did a brief overview of the project and opened the floor up for questions.

Q: How large is parking? A: There will be parking for 60 cars.

Q: Will this be year round, what is the max size? A: Maximum of 140 people, and there is no plans for winter gatherings as there is no heat.

Discussion: Neighbors medical issues, Property values, and the serving of alcohol.

Q: What is environment friendly parking, and will this be week day and weekend facility? A: Current plans are for weekend only, and a discussion of the parking area.

Q: How many people and what about the septic? A: There will be 140 people plus catering, and we are looking at holding tanks.

Comment from CEO that holding tanks were only allowed by the state when no other options exist.

Q: what about traffic from truck deliveries, caterers, and bands? A: discussion about trucks and backing on the road.

Q: how many events do other barns do? A: we expect to do about 22 events per year.

Q: What about property values. A: CEO was asked to comment and he refused to comment.

Q: What about Friday night dances? and what is the startup timeline. A: We never said we were doing dances and we do not know how that came up. We are doing floral design work now and would like to have 1 fall wedding.

Q: What about the noise from the open windows? A: windows do not open.

Q: Are there going to be police there? A: unknown we will look into it if required.

Q: Lighting for paths? A: the path lighting will be low and pointed at the ground.

Q: Will there be fences? A: we will be looking at this for the future.

Q: When will parking be done? A: our plan is to have it done for the fall.

**4. Adjournment:** Hearing ended at 7:27 PM by Chair - Karen Turino

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Jackson

Approved by: Karen Turino, Chair  
Otisfield Planning Board  
Approved on: May 17, 2016

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