

Adam Levitus

From: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 7:04 AM
To: mgiusti
Cc: Adam Levitus; cedge; fsemnosk; Thomas O'Rourke
Subject: Re: Military Experience Museum Special Permit application extension

Maureen,

We ask for another extension on the public hearing. Our updated site plan has not made it back to us yet and I got a call last night that one of our advisors for the Kensington/ Berlin area is currently in the hospital. We also trying to finalize a lease agreement with landlord for a museum location that is in a different town but extremely relevant to this field location.

Thanks
Tom

On Tue, Oct 27, 2020 at 10:34 AM mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us> wrote:

Tom,

We are preparing the materials for the November 5, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission agenda. I have not yet received any of the anticipated additional information on your application for the Military Experience Museum Outdoor activities at the site in the Chamberlain Highway.

Please let me know when we can expect receipt and/or if you need to further postpone or withdraw the pending application? As noted, previously there are 37 days remaining of regular extension time.

Thank you for your prompt response so that we can be prepared for the agenda.

Maureen

From: mgiusti
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>
Cc: Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us>; cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>
Subject: RE: Military Experience Museum Special Permit application extension

Tom,

Thank you for the email and request.

I forwarded your request to the Chairman and received confirmation this morning that I can post the requested extension to the November meeting. As of November 5, 2020 there will 37 extension days available.

Please be sure to keep us posted on your progress and provide any additional information for review and incorporation into the next meeting package as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Be well, stay safe,

Maureen

Maureen K. Giusti, AICP

Acting Town Planner / ZEO

Town of Berlin, CT

From: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:56 AM
To: mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us>
Cc: Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us>; cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>
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Maureen

Can you please confirm we are allowed an extension to the next PZ meeting.

Thank you

Tom

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2020, at 2:20 PM, Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org> wrote:

Maureen,

If it is allowed within extension time we would request that we be allowed a 2+ week extension (Does that put it at Nov 5th? . One of our key people had some health issues which has delayed some of the requested additional information for the town.

Thank you for checking in and the information regarding the extension time.

Best regards

Tom

On Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 12:04 PM mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us> wrote:

Tom,

I am checking in again regarding the upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Thursday 10/15. The Public hearing is scheduled to continue and be closed.

We were expecting detailed information per our meeting on September 28, to review and disseminate to the Commission prior to the item continuing at the PZC meeting. The hearing is scheduled to be closed on Thursday in accordance with Statutory deadlines. Once closed, no new information can be received into the record.

Please let me know if you plan to proceed with your hearing on Thursday and provide the discussed information by end of today for our review and posting with the meeting materials. Alternatively, as previously discussed, the Statute and Governor's COVID-19 Executive orders do allow for extension time. There are currently 58 days of regular extension time available without utilizing extension time allotted by executive order. Please reply to this email if you wish to extend the open public hearing and use extension time.

Thank you in advance for your prompt reply.

Be well, stay safe,

Maureen

From: mgiusti

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 8:38 PM

To: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>

Cc: Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us>; cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>

Subject: RE: Military Experience Museum Special Permit application extension

Tom,

Do you have an update on your timeline for submission of the discussed additional information and details regarding your application. We are trying to wrap up the staff reviews so that we can get packages out to the Commission.

Thank you in advance for your reply. FYI – I will be away from the office for the remainder of today.

Be well, stay safe,

Maureen

From: mgiusti

Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 9:30 AM

To: 'Thomas O'Rourke' <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>

Cc: Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us>; cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>

Subject: RE: Military Experience Museum Special Permit application extension

Tom,

Thank you for the meeting and correspondence. We look forward to receipt of the detailed information as discussed.

Per your request, we are rescheduling the continued public hearing on your application for the Military Experience Museum outdoor activities to the October 15, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The website will be noted with the continuation and the October 1 meeting will be canceled.

At your request, Fran will be sending the package of received correspondence shortly.

Should you decide to resubmit the proposal under another section of the Regulations, as discussed, the substantive change to the application would require a new application, including new postings and new notices to abutters.

Maureen

Maureen K. Giusti, AICP

Acting Town Planner / ZEO

Town of Berlin, CT

From: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 3:09 PM

To: mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us>

Cc: Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us>; cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>; Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>

Subject: Re: Military Experience Museum Special Permit application extension

Maureen and Adam,

It was nice to meet with you both yesterday. I appreciate the time you both took to go through and explain things to me regarding the regulations and concerns that have been brought up at the public hearing and letters your department has received.

Per our conversation yesterday I was wondering if we are able to put off the next public hearing until the Oct 15th scheduled date?

It will allow me to address and provide the information that will better explain our overall plan as there seems to be some confusion and mis information. I understand the need for us to provide clearer descriptions of the activities and layout and approach it from the point that others do not have the same background we do so we need to explain in a different way that informs people who don't know anything about our concept.

Please let me know if we need to rush and get everything completed by this Thursday Oct 1 or we have time to better prepare for the Oct 15th deadline.

Thanks

Tom

On Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 11:28 AM mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us> wrote:

Tom,

We will set aside 3:00 on Monday.

I was anxious to go over the plan with you as well. The Commission made it clear that more detail is needed in the plans in accordance with the site plan and special permit requirements in the Zoning Regulations. (Sections XII & XIII).

Your enhanced description and the plan should include the elements and activities that will take place for reenactments, orienteering and daily operations.

In addition to an enhanced narrative/description you should provide plans showing:

Parking and Drives:

- Dimensioned parking limits,
- Dimensioned drives and access to parking.
- Proposed improvements to the existing drives.
- Labeling and showing any overflow parking and access to it.

Grading/Site work:

- The verbal description was unclear if there is parking in the (lower/westerly) field. Please indicate the grade change and if any improvements are proposed to accommodate safe flow.
- Notation on the unlabeled areas indicating if they would be used or cleared to any extent or are intended left natural and undisturbed by activity as part of a buffer & natural environment.
- Any grading that will be done
- Any changes to existing vegetation – removal or plantings

Activity / Use areas

- Details including dimensions, location and description of equipment, fixtures, vehicles, storage and any other elements that remain on site overnight. Including specifically that used to create the Military Era Bases.
- Location and equipment for military reenactments and location of observers.
- The location and equipment that will comprise any obstacle courses

- Any other activities and areas used

And

- Specific information regarding sanitary facility locations and administrative locations
- Other elements required by the regulations

Town Hall is currently open to the public by appointment only. Please call our office at 860-828-7066 or 860-828-7060 when you arrive and one of us will meet you at the left-most door at the front of Town hall.

Be well, stay safe,

Maureen

From: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:12 PM

To: Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us>

Cc: cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>

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Hello Maureen and Adam,

I have meeting at 4:30 tomorrow and I have feeling it might run longer than expected. I will write up a new narrative this weekend.

Would it be possible to have meeting with you on Monday at 3pm?

Thanks

Tom

On Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 9:39 AM Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us> wrote:

I can attend.

Adam Levitus, P.E.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:36 AM
To: mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us>; Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>
Cc: fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>; Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us>
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I am not available at that time.

I will be in another meeting.

Chris

From: mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>
Cc: cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>; Adam Levitus <alevitus@town.berlin.ct.us>
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Tom,

I am out of the office today. The Town Hall is open until 4:30 M-W, and until 7:00 pm on Thursdays. Can we schedule a meeting for 5:00 on Thursday 9/24 at my office?

Chris, Adam –

would either of you be able to join the meeting? If it works for Tom, I will try to reserve the Eng. conf room.

Maureen

From: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 6:15 PM
To: mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us>
Cc: Joan Veley <jveley@town.berlin.ct.us>; cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; Brian Rogan <brogan@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk <fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>
Subject: Re: Military Experience Museum Special Permit application extension

Hi Maureen,

I just got back into the state. Are you ever available after 4pm?

Thanks

Tom

On Thu, Sep 17, 2020 at 9:23 AM mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us> wrote:

Thank you.

As discussed, you and I will meet next week to discuss process for any modifications that you are proposing and additional plan details.

Maureen

From: Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:09 PM
To: mgiusti <mgiusti@town.berlin.ct.us>; Joan Veley <jveley@town.berlin.ct.us>
Cc: cedge <cedge@town.berlin.ct.us>; Brian Rogan <brogan@town.berlin.ct.us>; fsemnosk

<fsemnosk@town.berlin.ct.us>; Thomas O'Rourke <torourke@milexpmuseum.org>

Subject: Military Experience Museum Special Permit application extension

Dear Maureen,

I am unable to attend the Sept 17, 2020 Town of Berlin P&Z meeting and I am requesting that the Town utilize available extension time to keep the public hearing open in regards to the Military Experience Museum's Special Permit Application.

Ideally we would like to be put onto the next available meeting of October 1, 2020.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

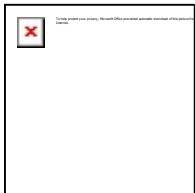
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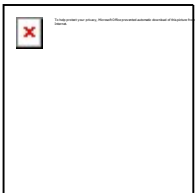


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