



TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD, NH
PLANNING BOARD
June 16, 2025
NOTICE OF DECISION

The Chesterfield Planning Board handled administratively the Stone House Tavern Museum's request for a change in use and approved the use intensity statement as presented.

June 2, 2025--USE INTENSITY STATEMENT FOR STONE HOUSE TAVERN MUSEUM

The Chesterfield Historical Society purchased the Stone House Tavern Museum (SHTM) in 2018 which has now been brought up to code and is ready to open. It was suggested by the Code Enforcement Officer that we submit a Use Intensity Statement for the museum. The Zoning Board approved a change of use in 2018 to a MUSEUM. Please see attached decision. When purchased, the property contained, and still contains, two rental units and one historic stone structure. The previous owner had a retail establishment in the stone portion. Overall, there is little to no increase in use at the site and no exterior substantial changes.

TRAFFIC & HOURS OF OPERATION

The SHTMC has not been opened to the public yet, but we plan the following:

1. May through October each year and initially for 1-3 days per week. Depending on funding, it may operate up to 5 days per week in the future.
2. The plan is to be open 10 am- 5pm, but probably fewer hours this first year.
3. The traffic flow is difficult to pinpoint, but we hope for about 15-20 cars per 7 hours.
4. The parking lot will hold about 20 cars at a time including tenant cars (3).
5. Peak hours could be between 11-4.

PRODUCTS TO BE SOLD

1. At this time, we do not plan to sell any products, but certain items may be placed for visitors to take by donation. (eg. Literature about the SH history, etc.)

DELIVERIES

1. At this time, we do not expect deliveries since the museum will not be staffed most days to receive them.

SOLID & SANITARY WASTE

1. There has been no change to the state approved septic system which was installed per guidelines for a retail shop and two rental units (both 1-bedroom).
2. All trash and recyclables will be handled in accordance with town regulations. There will be no dumpster on site for the foreseeable future.

UTILITIES & NOISE GENERATION

1. Electric usage will be no higher than previous use and new electrical meters have been installed.
2. Satellite dishes will be removed from the structure.
3. Water is served by a well 120' deep and usage will not increase over previous.
4. Noise levels will be negligible for the museum.

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

1. No exterior lighting will be utilized other than at the tenant parking area, which was previously there, but which we modified to reduce up-lighting.



James Corliss
Chairman
Planning Board

Date: 17JUN2025

NOTE: Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Planning Board concerning a plat or subdivision may present to the Superior Court a petition, duly verified, setting forth that such decision is illegal or unreasonable in whole or in part and specifying the grounds upon which the same is claimed to be illegal or unreasonable. Such petition shall be presented to the court within thirty (30) days after the date upon which the board voted to approve or disapprove the application.

See RSA Chapter 677:15 for more details