

# Planning Board Minutes

**Date:** March 14, 2018

**Time:** 7:30

**Present:**

X	J. Hargraves	X	A. Pease
X	J. Lindquist		W. Stacy (associate)
X	A. Leonard	X	T. Foster

**Also attending:** 11 members of the public

**Documents:**

**Minutes:**

TF moved to accept the extremely succinct minutes of Feb. 28, 2018; AP 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was some discussion of the lack of reporting on the fire next door, but ultimately the minutes were approved; 4 yea, 1 abstention.

7:45 Opened the Public Hearing on the Recreational Marijuana bylaw.

Discussion ranged widely and included information on oil extraction procedures – common extractors are ethanol, CO2, butane and pentane. Other discussion included tax revenue – we still have little information on actual revenue, although a municipality only receives 3% of the 20% state tax, and other fees expire after 5 years.

There were several requests to modify the bylaws, primarily, but not entirely, coming from two non-residents who said they were hemp farmers and were happy to discuss just about anything regarding expanding our bylaw. The requests are summarized below:

- Request to allow oil extraction in the R/A district

- Request to increase the size of the canopy to 10,000 sq. ft.

- Request to allow manufacturing in the R/A district

- Request to strike the Land Surveyor requirement from the Definitions

- Request to add a second retail site in the R/C A district

- Request to shrink the 500 ft buffer around the Elementary school and to allow retail sales in the R/C B district. (This came from Rene Rainville, owner of the 873 Café).

8:20 Opened hearing on Medical Marijuana

8:40 Opened hearing on the bylaw to change CMR 33 to 310 CMR 10.0

Continued discussion on Recreational Marijuana until AP moved to close the hearing at 8:45. TF 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. There was minimal discussion on the Medical Marijuana bylaw. AP moved to close the hearing on Medical Marijuana at 8:47. AL 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. We enjoyed the refreshingly cryptic language on the CMR bylaw change, and Alan explained that this was to put the correct reference into the Bylaw. AP moved to close this hearing at 8:50. TF 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

After we closed the hearings, the PB moved on to discussing the requests. It was acknowledged that our primary goal at Town Meeting is to get the bylaw passed. The rules put out by the state Cannabis Control Commission are still a moving target and the PB feels it is of primary importance to establish some control

for our Town. Because of that, we agreed to modify the current draft to some extent. Those changes will be on the next draft coming out in time for our March 28 meeting, AKA the very, very last minute.

A brief summary of agreements is:

- Agreement to increase canopy to 2,500 feet;
- Agreement to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> retail site in the R/C A district;
- Agreement to allow plant oil extraction where marijuana is grown, with limits on certain distillation processes;
- Will not shrink the 500 ft buffer;
- Will not recommend allowing retail sales in the R/C B district;
- Will not allow manufacturing in the R/A district;
- Will remove the requirement for professional Land Surveyor in Definitions section

Adjourn: 9:30

Submitted by Jeanie Lindquist, Executive Secretary