

Town of Paxton
Planning Board



Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at the John Bauer Senior Center, 17 West St. Paxton, MA

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER	PRESENT (X)	ABSENT (X)
Neil Bagdis	X	
Henry B. Stidsen, Jr.	X	
Robert Jacobson	X	
Jeffrey Kent	X	
Samuel Rosario	X	

Other Attendees: Steven and Elizabeth Campanale

(NB) called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Meeting Minutes

Motion (RJ) seconded by (JK) to accept the minutes of Jan. 14, 2019, as written, vote 5-0, all in favor.

Public Hearing

A draft zoning bylaw regarding Adult Use Recreational Marijuana was developed by Town Counsel. He used the current Medical Marijuana bylaw as a template and amended it to include the Adult Use establishments. Members discussed the locations that the bylaw should allow, parcels vs. district(s). The Business district is what is proposed and what was used for the Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. In the future, there could be an overlay district developed to be able to include a larger amount of properties to allow the use. Also, it was debated to increase the location allowance of 300ft. to 500ft. Given that it will only be allowed in the Business District, it was decided to leave it at the proposed 300ft. The town residents present questioned the need for the bylaw, why not a ban? The Town in Nov. of 2017 voted against the state law but by a narrow margin. At the May 2018 Town Meeting, there were many people who were proponents of the new law so it was thought that a total ban would not pass, therefore, in order to have some local regulation, this bylaw is proposed.

Motion (RJ) seconded by (JK) to approve as written an amended Zoning Bylaw for Adult Use Marijuana establishments by Special Permit, vote 3-2, in favor. HS and SR voted against.

(SR) voted against the bylaw as written because as proposed, the bylaw would not allow any applicant to be sited in any of the business zone.

(HS) voted against the bylaw because he doesn't agree with the legal use of marijuana.

New Business

The board members were informed of a possible bylaw amendment proposal for the Storm Water Bylaw. A hearing would need to be held in March for it to be added as an Article for Town Meeting.

Motion (SR) seconded (JK) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, vote 5-0, all in favor.

The next meeting, if needed, will be Monday, March 11, 2019

****documents referenced located on file in the TSC office**

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Lombardi