



Regular Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00pm at the John Bauer Senior Center, 17 West St. Paxton, MA

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER	PRESENT (X)	ABSENT (X)
Neil Bagdis		x
Robert Jacobson	x	
Warren Bock	x	
Henry B. Stidsen, Jr.	x	
Jeffrey Kent	x	

Other Attendees: None.

(HS) Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Meeting Minutes

Motion (WB) seconded (JK) to accept the minutes as written of November 12, 2013, vote 4-0, unanimous in favor.

New Business

Discussion regarding a draft bylaw for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries*. (WB) Attended a CMRPC meeting regarding this subject on 1/9/14. He said 158 applicants were approved to move to the next level by the State and from them, 35 will be selected. He also learned that there is a provision for a hardship permit that people/patients can apply for if they don't have the means to physically go to a dispensary or cannot afford it. If one is issued, the Police Dept. is notified that this person has the right to grow on their property. All of the details have not been worked out yet with the State on the whole process. Also, WB learned that a person/patient is allowed to have a 60 day supply which would be equal to 10oz. Furthermore, towns need to be careful to not make a bylaw too exclusionary.

In going over the draft bylaw, it was recommended that in section 3b: Location: that the wording be added after "residential use" – "where the house is located within 150ft. from the RMD or OMMD of a residential zoning district". Also, add the wording to section 3a1: Location: "library, public athletic field, playground".

Members asked that a copy be sent to the Town Administrator along with the Board of Selectman for their review. A public hearing can be scheduled for the next meeting in February.

Motion (WB) seconded (JK) to accept as amended the draft Medical Marijuana Bylaw and to send it to the BOS for approval, vote 4-0 unanimous in favor.

Members all agreed regarding the letter* received from EAFish Development for the Hills at Paxton Village that all issues seemed to have been addressed properly as to the conditions being met under the Special Permit issued on February 6, 2012. They had no further comments and are satisfied with the result.

Brief discussion regarding the Capital Improvements Planning Committee request for FY15-20 Capital Budget & Program. (JK) Anything over \$10,000 needs to be evaluated and then a recommendation is provided for funding if feasible. Basically, does it make sense and can we afford it. (WB) He has heard of other communities doing a Regional Cooperation Initiative in the purchase of expensive items especially ones not used often but are needed. (JK) Yes, it's a good way to leverage resources because we can't afford everything.

Next meeting will be on Monday, February 10, 2014.

Motion (WB) seconded (JR) to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, vote 4-0, unanimous.

* copy located on file in the TSC office

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Lombardi