

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
April 14, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Kenneth Smith, Chairman
George Oleen
Sari Hoy
Caitlin Marsden McNeill
Dale Martin

Others Present: Members of the Public
Lori Neil, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Kenneth Smith called the meeting and Public Hearing to order at 7:04 pm.

ANR Requests: Russell & Eleanor Funk; property on Polikoff Road and East Stahl Road. Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates, Inc. represented Russell & Eleanor Funk. There are 2 lots on the west side of Polikoff Road and one lot on the north east side of East Stahl Road. The division of land shown on the plan is not a subdivision because every lot shown thereon has the frontage and the area required by the Town's Zoning By-Law. The plan was submitted for a determination and endorsement that Planning Board approval under the Subdivision Control law is not required. G. Oleen motioned, with a second from S. Hoy to accept and approve ANR request for Russell and Eleanor Funk. The motion carried 4-0. D. Martin abstained from the vote.

At 7:09 pm Rene Wood opened a Select Board meeting for discussion of the marijuana bylaws. Representing the Select Board was Robert Kilmer, Jr., Martin Mitsoff, Rhonda LaBombard, and Rene Wood. One citizen asked the Select Board, what new Marijuana Establishments are planning to apply in Sheffield? Currently, there is one off of Route 7 going into Ashley Falls and Jon Piasecki has sent out a notice to hold a Community Outreach meeting for a proposed Cannabis Cultivation on Bull Hill Road. This will be held towards the later part of April. There was discussion of how the town could let people aware of public outreach meetings.

Chairman Smith and Rene Wood reviewed the Special Permit Application process. Citizens wanted to know what they could do, to ensure, a marijuana facility doesn't slide into a neighborhood without neighbors/abutters realizing. Citizens were encouraged to start a committee, if they did not like the bylaws. That is where to start. Rene Wood reassured citizens that they would not be alone through the process. There will always be someone to guide you. Bob Kilmer stated the odor is the only issue he has. He stated, I think we have a good system and a good process in place. One citizen mentioned there are places that would work for outdoor grow. Odor, at this point and time, there is nothing out there to control the odor. One citizen mentioned she is interested on being on an advisory group and is in favor of changing the bylaws. G. Oleen stated, if people are not happy with the current bylaws that we have, they need to step up and get involved. C. M. McNeill stated, she thought are bylaws were quite sound. Sari Hoy sated, she believes the process works very well. Rene Wood mentioned It is important if people have issues they should put work into it. Rene also commented, she thinks the process works remarkably well. One citizen offered assistance to the town and asked to please reach out if he could be of any assistance.

J. Piasecki reviewed his public outreach letter. His Outreach meeting will be on April 22, 2021 from 4-6 PM. There was discussion of how community outreach meetings can get on the town calendar. M. Mitsoff stated, he would like to see Community Outreach meetings on the town calendar as well. Rene Wood said they will discuss this at Select Board meeting. M. Mitsoff made a motion to close the Select Board meeting. Bob seconded the motion, Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion of 5G Installation Bylaw Change Review by Town Counsel; there will be special town meeting on a Warrant in May 2021.

Approval of meeting Minutes from March 24, 2021. George Oleen made a motion to approved the minutes as written. C. M. Marsden seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Finalize Deliberation Guide on Berkshire Welco Special Permit Application. Chairman Smith and the Planning Board members completed and finalized their deliberation of Berkshire Welco at 34 Home Road. The Deliberation Guide and Notice of Decision were reviewed and signed.

G. Oleen made a motion not to use the additional questions of the deliberation guide due to the questions making no difference to their decision and do not pertain to this applicant. C. M. McNeill seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Chairman Smith and the Planning Board members completed and finalized their deliberation of Wise Acre Farm, Inc., at 286 Polikoff Road. The Deliberation Guide and Notice of Decision were reviewed and signed.

Chairman Smith and the Planning Board members completed and finalized their deliberation of ZGC, LLC at Polikoff Road. The Deliberation Guide and Notice of Decision were reviewed and signed.

Mail Review:

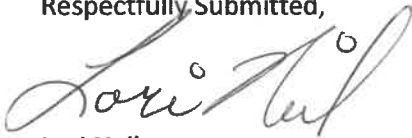
- Pat Levine was appointed as an alternate member for the Planning Board.
- Egremont: Notice regarding Barn entertainment
- Gt. Barrington – Notice of Decision for 30 apartment units on Route 23.
- Gt. Barrington Public Hearing for a cease and desist order.

Board Member Items: None

Public Inquiries: None

G. Oleen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dale Martin. Motion carried, 5-0.
The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Neil
Administrative Assistant

Documents reviewed: ANR, Site Plans, Draft Minutes, Special Permit Applications and Supporting documents.