

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
PLANNING BOARD  
December 22, 2021  
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Chairman Smith  
George Oleen  
Robbie Cooper  
Sari Hoy

Members Absent: Caitlin McNeill

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

Chairman Smith opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

1.) **ANR Requests:** None

2.) Discussion/Possible Action regarding Amendment to Adult Use Marijuana Establishments Bylaw, Section 7.5.4.1.6, limiting the number of Outdoor Cultivators: Chairman Smith gave an overview of how this goes back to the letter the Planning Board saw from the Special Town Meeting in June. The Bylaw was passed. The Planning Board decided, as a Board, to adopt the petition as it was written. It will be sent to the Berkshire Eagle tomorrow and put on the next Planning Board Agenda for a hearing. The town meeting will probably be held in early February of 2022. Chairman Smith stated it will go to a citizen's vote. **G. Oleen made a motion that we adopt the amendment to Adult Use Marijuana Establishments Bylaw, Section 7.5.4.1.6, limiting the number of Outdoor Cultivators. R. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.**

Catherine Miller thanked the Board for taking on the bylaw change. There was discussion of the process of voting at the town meeting. L. Hyde asked the Planning Board to get her a number of how many facilities are current in Sheffield.

3.) **Update on recodification By-law Review: 1.) Community Residences;** this topic was tabled until the next meeting on January 12, 2022.

4.) Approval of Draft minutes – December 8, 2021: **G. Oleen made a motion to accept the minutes as written. R. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0. S. Hoy abstained.**

5.) **Discussion regarding Citizen's Petition recommendations:** Chairman Smith told S. Hoy he had received her email to work with R. Cooper on the recommendations. He asked the Planning Board members go through the two Article items that came before the Board a month or two ago and forward comments to R. Cooper and S. Hoy. They will be the delegates for this

group. Catherine Miller asked that when R. Cooper and S. Hoy have completed their work, to send an email both to L. Hyde and C. Miller and they will proceed on how to get together for review. C. Miller stated, we understand no changes can be made. If something comes up that seems to be a good idea, it can be proposed at the town meeting. There was discussion regarding number of owners versus number of locations.

**6.) Planning Board Rules & Regulations versus Special Permit Application:** There were no updates at this time. This topic was tabled until the next meeting on 1/12/22.

**7.) Planning Board Mail Review:** A letter from the Town of Egremont; a Notice of Decision from a Special Permit at 24 & 0 Lakeside Drive.

**8.) Board Member Items:** S. Hoy asked about the abutters. Chairman Smith said it was brought to the Select Board and denied. The Select Board wants to keep all Boards abutter's distance the same. S. Hoy asked if the Planning Board could suggest a compromise. Chairman Smith stated, it was a flat out no, but we could attempt it again. G. Oleen said the reason it was denied seemed to be the expense. It is not in the Planning Board's prevue to change. S. Hoy brought up the Dark Skies bylaw that doesn't exist. Chairman Smith said after the first of the year we should write up something. S. Hoy suggested examples from the Southern Berkshire Planning Commission. Chairman Smith said he would check with R. Wood.

**R. Cooper made a motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 7:52pm**  
**G. Oleen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Lori Neil  
Administrative Assistant

**Supporting Documents:**

Meeting Agenda

Draft Minutes from 12-8-21

PB Mail – Letter from Town of Egremont- Notice of Decision