

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
DECEMBER 19, 2018
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: James T. Collingwood, Jr., Chairman
Kenneth Smith
George Oleen

Board Members Not Present: Dale Martin

Others Present: Renee LeClair, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public (see sign in sheet)

Chairman Collingwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board on a proposed amendment to the Sheffield Zoning Bylaw regarding Section 3.1.3 Table of Use Regulations. This amendment would add Section 3.1.3.H, Adult Use Marijuana Establishments and Section 3.1.3.B6, Commercial Industrial Hemp. It would also add a new Section 7.5, Adult Use Marijuana Establishments to the Zoning Bylaw and add definitions to Section 10, Definitions. To begin Chairman Collingwood read the public hearing notice then passed the floor to K. Smith who has been the lead on the preparation of the proposed Adult Use Marijuana Bylaw. K. Smith began by reviewing the history of this proposed Bylaw. In November 2016 Massachusetts residents voted to allow recreational marijuana use. The first two retail stores opened within the last few weeks, the closest being in Northampton. K. Smith, Rene Wood and Dave Smith Jr. have all attended various informational sessions on this subject. However, it has been rather challenging to create a Bylaw when even the state is not exactly clear on what these laws could materialize into. This summer when the cannabis control commission finalized there interpretations the Board decided to draft a Bylaw that would protect Sheffield's interests regarding recreational marijuana. Early on in this process K.Smith was very lucky to attend a meeting with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Using Pioneer Valleys Bylaw as a starting off point has assisted K.Smith and Rene Wood in creating a more inclusive and detailed Bylaw. K. Smith thanked Rene for the countless hours they have spent trying to customize this document to reflect Sheffield and the need of our type of community and its citizens. K.Smith explained the goal for tonight is to get feedback from everyone in the room. However, nothing will be changed tonight the Board will be taking in all suggestions and comments at this time. The Boards goal is to have a finished Bylaw ready by early to mid-March. K. Smith mentioned that he does want to make it known to the public that there are two establishments that do not have to abide by this Bylaw. This Bylaw is being written for anyone new that is to come before the Board. Those two establishments are grandfathered and have host agreements already in place. However, K. Smith explained, that it is the Boards goal for those establishments to be given a copy of the Bylaw and to ask them to abide by it as much as possible. K.Smith continued that he will be going through each of the sections one by one explaining the Bylaw. After reviewing the sections he will open the floor to questions. A discussion ensued. **G.Oleen motioned, with a second from K. Smith to continue the public hearing to January 23, 2019 at 7:30pm. The motion passed 3-0.** A discussion ensued.

K. Smith motioned, with a second from G. Oleen to ask the Select Board to approve Town Counsels (KP laws) time for the review of the proposed Version 7 Table of Use vs. Section 3.1.4 of our current Bylaw. The motion passed 3-0. A brief discussion ensued. K. Smith motioned, with a second from G. Oleen to amend his motion to ask the Town Administrator first before going to the Select Board to get approval for Town Counsels (KP laws) time for the review of the proposed Version 7 Table of Use vs. Section 3.1.4 of our current Bylaw. The motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed draft meeting minutes of December 12, 2018. **G. Oleen motioned, with a second from K. Smith to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion passed 3-0.**

Review Mail: No Mail presented.

Board Member Items: No Board member items.

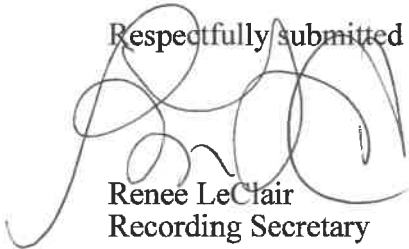
Public Inquiries: No public inquiries.

G. Oleen motioned, with a second from K. Smith to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The following documents were reviewed during the Board's meeting and have been retained as required by the Massachusetts Public Retention Policy: Sign in sheet, Draft 12/12/2018 meeting minutes, Copy of Version 6 Draft of Adult Use Marijuana Establishments

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Renee LeChair', is written over the typed name and title.

Renee LeChair
Recording Secretary

Sheffield Planning Board

Date: December 19, 2018

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2. Peter Tiro	Adsz Crocker, New Marlborough
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