

Porter Towhship
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2019

Members Present: John Miller, Steve Cornish, Tanya Blanchard, Doug Noble, Jr., Heather Smith, Andrew Nesbitt, David Kindt

Members Absent: Tim Seppala, Denny Owen

Zoning Administrator : Rich McGrew, present

Approval of Minutes : Andy Nesbitt motions to approve the February Regular Meeting Minutes as written, Steve Cornish seconds. February Regular Meeting Minutes approved as written.

Addtions to Agenda : None

Correspondence : Andy Nesbitt mentioned that there were some publications committee members are welcome to take home or read. They were on the table.

Citizens Comments : None

Board Report : Andy Nesbitt, township treasurer and liaison to the Planning Commission, spoke with Harold regarding the Commercial district Harold did move a few things around and had some suggestions. If there are no other amendments, suggestions, Andy will let Harold know that it looks good and the Planning Commission agrees with the Commercial District as presented.

Heather Smith makes a motion to accept the commercial district of permitted uses, low impact special exemption uses, and high impact special exemption uses as presented. Second by John Miller. Motion carries unanimously.

Harold, Pam, Andy Nesbitt and Rich sat down and tried to create a single ordinance for the medical marijuana ordinance. Andy had made some suggestions and shared those with the Commission. Andy said he went through the city of Hartford and Bangor and pulled some things from those ordinances that cleaned up our ordinance and clarified some elements. The main ordinance had so many amendments that there were some inconsistencies with the entire ordinance. Devin Loker, legal attorney who represents some new applicants, explained some of the new changes under the new governor and new bureaucracies that have been created to approve and monitor marijuana businesses. Andy asked about how do care givers fit in to all of this. Mr. Loker explained that there is currently a case in front of the supreme court discussing this very situation in regards to care givers in the medical marijuana field.

New Business : Contained in Board Report.(Medicinal Marijuana ordinance).

Old Business : Old business was covered in Board Report.(Commercial District ordinance)

Zoning Administrator report: No report per Rich McGrew. No new action.

ZBOA Report : none.

Adjournment : John Miller motions to adjourn, Steve Cornish seconds, meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting : April 3rd, 2019