

WEST TISBURY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES March 4, 2019 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Ginny Jones, Bea Phear, Susan Silva, Leah Smith, Henry Geller.

ABSENT: Matt Merry.

ALSO PRESENT: Geoff Rose, Jane Rossi.

Ginny opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

●Public hearing on a petitioned Warrant Article from Geoff Rose to amend language in the zoning bylaws to allow recreational marijuana sales and cultivation in the Light Industrial District:

Ginny opened the public hearing and read the hearing notice. The board reviewed the amendment that Geoff Rose will speak on at the annual town meeting. Geoff stated that his intention is to allow for recreational cultivation in the LI District 1 and 2 which is located on Dr. Fisher Road and at the airport and he wants recreational sale to be permitted in Light LI District 2 at the airport by special permit. He pointed out that recreational marijuana sales are currently allowed in the Mixed Business District by special permit.

Leah asked why we don't allow medical marijuana in the LI District. Geoff felt it should be allowed. She made a formal proposal to add medical marijuana in the LI District by special permit.

Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the petition. The vote was unanimous.

Bea asked if sales would impact the real estate tax. Geoff wasn't sure. Bea also asked Geoff how many recreational dispensaries will open on the island. Geoff estimated that maybe two will operate. Leah asked what would happen if Geoff were to sell his business and Geoff said the buyer would have to be to someone certified and in compliance with the state regulations. He also pointed out that applicants are not able to do anything unless and until there is a bylaw in place. Henry asked if Geoff could grow his recreational plants in 1000 square feet. Geoff said he would need more space than that. Henry said we will have to approach a new bylaw for the recreational growth space. Bea said she doesn't see how the town can regulate a legal product on agricultural land.

●Public Hearing on an amendment to Section 8.4-4 Signs, of the zoning bylaw to correct a typographical error in a Warrant Article:

Leah moved and Bea seconded the motion to approve the Warrant Article. The Vote was unanimous. Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Two hearing notices from the Town of Edgartown.
- Letter from the B&Z Inspector to Carol Marrama RE: Illegal curb cut.
- Letter to the B&Z Inspector RE: Sheriff's meadow approved parking lot off Indian Hill Road.

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MINUTES:

●Leah moved and Susan seconded the motion to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes. Ginny, Susan and Leah were in favor and Bea abstained.

●Bea moved and Leah seconded the motion to approve the February 25, 2019 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi, Administrator

Approved on 3/25/19