

WEYMOUTH PLANNING BOARD
Town Hall, Kelly Room
Monday, April 7, 2014 – 7:00 PM
Record of Minutes and Proceedings

PRESENT:

Walter Flynn, Chairman
Sandra Williams, Vice Chairman
Mary Akoury, Clerk
Dave Chandler
Paul Hurley

ALSO PRESENT:

James Clarke, Director Planning & Development
Abby McCabe, Principal Planner

Chairman Flynn called the April 7, 2014 meeting of the Planning Board to order at 7:00PM.

**ZONING AMENDMENT PETITIOIN RELATIVE TO MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA
and REGISTERED MEIDCAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES - continued from 4-1-14**

Ms. McCabe reported that a January press release regarding the applications received by the State for the first round of registered medical marijuana facilities totaled 100 applications. Ms. McCabe provided Planning Board members with a listing of the twenty (20) provisionally approved applicants and their locations displayed on a map. Every county has to have at least one and no more than five dispensaries according to the State Department of Public Health's (DPH) regulations and these documents were provided in the Board's meeting packets.

Ms. Akoury asked where the Boston ones are located. Mr. Clarke stated the one proposed in Quincy is near Granite Links Golf Course.

Ms. Akoury and Ms. Williams both stated they would like to have the proposed definition state "500 foot distance", which is adhering to the 500 foot in the State's DPH regulations. Mr. Clarke stated he is trying to give a reasonable ordinance. Ms. Williams stated she would like wording along the same idea that Town of Weymouth will not tolerate RMD's on the same idea as a "dry town" without a liquor license. Ms. Akoury stated she is in support of 500 feet. Mr. Clarke stated if Planning Board can accept the rest of the proposed wording he is willing to accept 500 feet, in order to move forward.

Ms. McCabe read Weymouth's proposed additions and expansion of the State's definition and buffering as follows:

Registered Marijuana Dispensary (provided, not within 300 feet of a public or private, primary or secondary school, licensed daycare center, public library, public park or playground). The 300 foot distance is measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the facility in question to the nearest point of the proposed RMD.

Ms. McCabe handed out a listing of surrounding towns that have adopted zoning amendments already and some have not yet adopted zoning.

Mr. Clarke stated he has looked at the draft of the Licensing Ordinance prepared by the Director of Public Health and the draft general code of ordinance looks very good at this moment. Ms. Akoury asked is the school administration could be involved in the drafting of this licensing ordinance. Mr. Clarke stated he will make sure this is happening.

Ms. Akoury stated the Boston Motel has 70 homeless families; in summer there are 30+ children playing in that parking lot. Couldn't this motel be listed as an area to keep away from? Mr. Clarke stated it is not a structured area of children playing; it's just like a neighborhood.

Mr. Chandler made a MOTION to ACCEPT The Weymouth Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting in Article II, Section 120-6 after the definition of "RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT, MAJOR," the following new definition:

A. **SECTION 120-6 "DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE"**

REGISTERED MARIJUANAN DISPENSARY (RMD) - A building or structure used for a medical marijuana treatment center approved and licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health pursuant to 105 CMR 725.100 and the local Board of Licensing Commissioners, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as marijuana-infused products, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.

B. The Town of Weymouth Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting in Article IX "Limited Industrial District I-1" Section 120-28 "Permitted Uses," the following new line

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Mr. Hurley SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chairman Flynn reminded the members when the Board goes to the public hearing the Board must remember this is what was voted on and this is now the Board's recommendation.

NEXT MEETING

The Board decided to cancel the meeting scheduled for April 22, 2014. The next Planning Board meeting will be held on May 5, 2014, a joint public hearing with Town Council regarding the Bridle Path zoning amendment.

The next Planning Board meeting will be a joint public hearing with Town Council on May 16, 2014 regarding Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Ms. Williams to ADJOURN and was SECONDED by Mr. Hurley. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Callbeck
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Sandra Williams, Vice-Chair
May 5, 2014