

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting February 22, 2021

Members present: Brian O'Rourke, George Riley, Mark Newman, Joanne Grybosh  
Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and signed.

Purchase orders reviewed and signed.

Reviewed the Marijuana bylaw draft #2021-02-19. George explained that there were some minor changes from draft #2021-02-02. BRPC made suggestions regarding the definitions, they need to be consistent. Included in this draft is a total cap of 150,000 square footage of canopy allowed in the town. Also amended the repurposing of an abandoned business.

Brian reviewed the process with Town Counsel. The selectmen vote now to give the bylaw draft to the Planning Board. We will post this draft on the website in the morning.

Laura Rogers Castro would like clarification on the tiers, Brian reviewed them all.

Elizabeth Orenstein asked for clarification on amount of sites or is it square footage.

Brian responded that the previous draft only allowed for one store. We added square footage instead of the amount of businesses. George recommended we give preference to small growers. Alex Bowman asked what would happen if a special permit application comes in before the bylaw is adopted at town meeting. Brian explained that if the permit comes in and is approved it is then grandfathered.

Leslie Garwood asked if the grandfathered business would be included in the 150,000 square footage cap. Brian said it could be, it depends on how the bylaw is passed.

Motion by Brian, second by George, passed unanimously to accept this version #2021-02-19 and pass it on to the Planning Board for a public hearing. Roll call: Brian, yes, George, yes, Mark, yes

Reviewed the letter of engagement with Scanlon & Assoc. for an audit. It has been revised to include the Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Accountant.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to move forward with an audit.

Roll call: Brian, yes, George, yes, Mark, yes

Post Office Box update: Joanne spoke with the postmaster again last week and will follow up this week.

Future agenda items:

Joanne received a special permit for a deck.

We will sign the special permit and business license for Nicholas Smigel.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Elizabeth Orenstein thanked the selectmen for the Zoom format for this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley

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Mark Newman