

Sandisfield Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00PM
3 Silverbrook Rd

1. Open meeting 6:01 PM. Present: Roger, Bill, Paul, John via zoom; Carl Nett in person, Leslie Garwood via zoom.
2. Approval of minutes of January 11 and February 22, 2022 meetings. Paul moved with amendments to Feb 22: Wetlands Protection Act, not Clean Water Act, and item 5 John said, not Paul said. Roger seconded. Unanimous
3. Approval of Cannabis Public Hearing Feb. 24 minutes. Bill moved with amendment that there are 300 people in town who own 50 acres not 100 acres, Paul seconded, unanimously approved.
4. Budget Request for FY23. Bill to contact Berkshire Eagle about bill for ads. John moved to approve budget with \$2700. Reduced classes to \$200 and increased ads to \$800.
5. Cannabis Bylaw, Final Draft, Discussion/Vote. Bill: differences between Roger's and mine. Added from comments. Paul: people worried about buildings, commercial operation, odor. Outdoor needs less setback, less industrial looking. Carl: Including requirement smell not detected. Leslie: should committee created only when application received or something more standing? Bill: Standing committee makes sense, ready to move into action. Not dependent on particulars of the project. More objective if standing. Carl reviewed proposed changes: setbacks on all size grows, 200' on indoor, 300' for outdoor. Create a review committee. Carl: work on parameters of setback and lot size. Bureaucracy too big for tier 1,2,3 to be viable. Paul: Indoor in business district, outdoor anywhere. Bill: but outdoor grows could have an industrial looking processing plant as much as an indoor could. Carl: allow outdoor grows and increase acreage for indoor. If you restrict to business district it will lose votes from there (NIMBY). Roger: lift out of business district. Paul: indoor grow is more industrial. Carl: people in Business District (BD) will think why not have all grows outside of BD? Won't lose votes of people who want restrictions. Leslie: more liberal on lot size and locations, Select Board can reject and citizen's subcommittee can also advise. Can adjust location if lot is big enough. Carl: don't put in lot size smaller than 50 in BD. Roger, Paul: Advisory Committee with at least 3 and a maximum of 5. Leslie: Advisory committee: full time versus part time residents to advise the SPGA. Make it both. Carl: Don't create setback for odor. Already in the bylaw: no odor at the property line. Permit can be revoked if violation. Outdoor grow will have fencing, not just plants. Roger's structure is easy to follow. Changed setbacks to 250' for both. Bill moves we pass Roger's March 8 Draft B Marijuana (Cannabis) Bylaw as amended with 250' setbacks. John seconds. Unanimous. Bill will send it to Select Board as a pdf.
6. Sign Warrants. Done
7. Open Mail: Dark Sky bylaw on New Marlborough Planning Board's public hearing agenda March 10. Bill will attend via zoom.
8. Topics not anticipated by the chair within 48 hours of meeting: Paul: Open meeting law needs to be heeded better; should post to website. No comments with documents sent to other members of the board. Instead write "Please review". Paul: driveway permit system not working. Permit eyes not letting us know? We need to see permits to make sure they have setbacks; Conservation Commission needs to know if there are wetlands or not. Ask Larry or who is in charge of permit eyes: what happens to driveway permits. Permit eyes? Paul: sign bylaw, violation of setback.
9. Adjourn meeting: 7:59 PM Roger moved, Paul seconded, unanimous.