



Town of Sandisfield

Planning Board
August 8, 2023

Agenda Items

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1. Meeting call to order-remind people that the meeting is being recorded
2. Read and approve minutes from June 13, 2023 and July 11, 2023
3. Discussion on Cannabis bylaw.
4. Discussion on policies and procedures.
5. Discussion on outreach meeting.
6. Finalize Tent bylaw
7. Finalize Designated Districts
- 8.- mail and warrants
9. Business not anticipated in previous 48 hours.
10. Adjourn meeting

In attendance: B. Cormier, B. Taylor, L. Leavenworth, J. Bye, P. Gaudette

- 1.) Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Barbara Cormier
- 2.) Minutes signed
- 3.) Cannabis By law

AG approved by law but took out 50 acres and . We didn't know there was a 30 day appeal process.

Options-accept, revoke, band.

How to proceed with by law.

L. Leavenworth-ban commercial Cannabis production in Sandisfield

B. Taylor- Doesn't like banning things we don't like. On the fence about a ban.

Can we resend. Barb says we would have to modify. B. Cormier can ask

Regional what the procedure is. B. Taylor would like to resubmit a modified by law

J. Bye-frustrated about not being able to appeal the assessment. How can AG override what the town decides. J. Bye Chapter 40A Section 5. Need to have town attorney inform town of what we actually can do. We no longer have a by law and with no incentive to create a by law.

P. Gaudette -go for ban of commercial cannabis production

B. Cormier-ban commercial cannabis production

Motion made to ban and send to Special hearing. Paul Gaudette made motion to ban commercial grow operations in Sandisfield. This would go to a Special town meeting. Motion seconded by J. Bye. Passed unanimously

Comment by J Bye: We now have a by law without any acreage requirement.

4.) Discussion on policies and procedures

A) Select Board asked B. Cormier in role as Planning Board chair to write an opinion on a special permit without having any information given to the Planning Board. We don't have any information to make a decision on the Beech Road special permit.

B. Cormier directed G. Colelli (secretary) to write the email and send directly to Select Board.

P. Gaudette noted that pre-existing non conforming structure goes to Select board not the PB.

B. Cormier rejects request because procedures weren't followed.

B. Taylor agrees that if the request not put before the PB can't write a letter in support.

L. Leavenworth also agrees that the PB can't make a decision without people making a presentation before the PB

P. Gaudette points out that the PB and Conservation are separate entities and people need to present to the various boards.

B) How to make procedures for building in Sandisfield clear and user friendly.

Welcome packet being worked on by Lisa..will be working with Janey.

Historically, procedures were listed and available. This information needs to be found again so the PB can use what was effective and modify anything necessary. Have it available to give to people.

Ask Janey to find the paper copy of Munsons procedure list to make it easier for people to build. That this paper copy would be provided. And provided on the website through the PB. More information on our website and if we want to add or change information easily.

Concerns that the permittee procedure lacks clarity and ease.

It seems procedures and policies are not being followed.

Town Selectmen have approved permitized.

To be adjourned until next month.

5) Tenting and Glamping By Law-add definition

1) Site sizes Recommend that we adjust the by law

B. Taylor-instead of limiting acreage limit entities that can do tent camping-add definition

P. Gaudette -agreed with Bill.

Look at language of STR and use as model for tent camping

2) Camping site size -remain the same

3) Site setbacks-30 ft property line.

Would be consistent with MA conservation laws and regulations.

Tent camping requests need to go before the Bd of Health and Conservation Committee, Fire Department.

4) Site rental-stay the same.

5) Sanitation requirements-the same

6) fire pit

1) add -fire danger notices must be updated and posted daily

7) Contact information, Driveway, Parking remain the same

8) Safety- add first aid kits

9) Permits and Enforcement remain the same

6) Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:25 pm made by Jeff Bye and seconded by Bill Taylor

Unanimous

Paul Gaudette left at 8:30 PM