

Alna Planning Board

Minutes

Date: November 12, 2019

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Present

Members: Peter Tischbein, Beth Whitney, Tom Albee, Jeff Spinney,
Laurie Hiestand (alternate)

Public: Anne Stires, Jeff Philbrick, Greg Shute, Kate Nordstrom

Press: none

Minutes: Minutes of October 8, 2019 meeting accepted as presented

Business:

1. Anne Stires - Juniper Hill parking plan - Anne presented a draft of the plan. We suggested refinements to the presentation. She will submit the plans for us to look at next time. She doesn't have to attend December 3. We will call her back in January if it isn't all self-explanatory.

2. Discussion of marijuana laws & how they apply to us - People from outside of Alna have been inquiring as to whether or not we have a moratorium on marijuana activities, which has made it seem like they are specifically looking for places without one. We haven't been able to answer questions about the inquiries that are specific to

the marijuana laws. It has become apparent that we don't know enough about the subject to answer anyone's questions.

The selectmen said a request for a moratorium needs to start with the Planning Board.

Motion made & seconded to solicit the Selectmen to concur with a proposed 6-month moratorium on comprehensive marijuana activities, start date to be determined by the Selectmen. Motion passed.

This shouldn't interfere with individuals growing medical marijuana for their own use.

Public Comment

Jeff Philbrick said there were some points that he contested in the 10/8/19 minutes we passed this evening that he would like to refute on the record.

He went to the DEP to review the file on Jeff Spinney's dock. Our minutes were part of the file and were not labeled as a draft. We do not know how they got there.

After a long discussion of minute taking, secretarial duties and the need to capture salient points in the minutes, the pertinent parts of the minutes were read and Jeff did not put any further comments on the record at this time, although he may in the future.

3. Other

1. Laurie - There's a new law suggesting (not requiring) that municipalities should encourage accessory dwelling units in the name of affordable housing. Do we want to explore this? Maybe.

2. Beth - Minutes

a. Purpose & confidentiality of draft - The minutes that are sent out after a meeting have always been a DRAFT. The purpose is ONLY for members to suggest improvements so they can be dealt with swiftly at the next meeting. As a work in progress until voted on at the next meeting they should not be shared with anyone.

b. Do we want our minutes to be published on the Town website & sent to the town e-mail list? Motion made and seconded to do this. Motion passed.

Beth will send the October 8 minutes to Liz and request that they be sent to the Town e-mail list and posted on the website. Beth will also send Liz all minutes from 2/19 -9/19 for posting on the website.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2019

Adjourn: 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Hiestand,

Planning Board Secretary as of December, 2019

As submitted by,

Beth Whitney, Retired

Planning Board Secretary

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