

Dresden Planning Board
P. O. Box 30
Dresden, Maine 04342
Meeting minutes of December 06, 2016

Present - Dan Hanley, Hope Douglas, Russell Peckham, and Stacy Barnes.

Board members absent - Jeff Pierce, Linda Biden and Ken Stewart, jr.

Others present - Misty Parker (resident), Roger Bintliff (resident), Mariah Bintliff (resident, J.W. Oliver (LCNews) and Shari Lilly (recording secretary).

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair, Dan Hanley.

Item #1 - Review minutes of November 01, 2016 - Russell made a motion to accept as written; Hope seconded. So voted by a show of hands.

Item #2 - Old Business - None. Dan said that so far there has been no further activity in regard to the Condon gravel pit project or the request of proposed subdividing on Kenyon Road (formerly Sundance Meadow).

Item #3 - New Business - Fee Schedule change - As some of the Board members are not in attendance, Dan said it would be best if we just see if we can get more information to work with. It has been many years since the fees have been updated, so it has become noticable of the need for change. Russell suggested that everyone check with other towns to see what they charge. It was noted that many of them have their fee schedules listed on their websites, so that might be a good place to check first. Jeff will be able to offer more on this when he is back.

Item #4 - Other Business - a.) The Selectmen had talked to Jeff in regard to the PB discussing a possible moratorium in regard to production and retail businesses that may be incurred from the passage of the legalization vote. At this time, the state is conducting a recount, but if the law passes, we need to discuss what our options are. Russell thought the state would take up to nine (9) months for it to go into effect. Hopefully, Jeff will have more information when he comes back. Dan said that at this time, there can be a six (6) month moratorium imposed. State and Federal laws can/will be discussed once they finish the recount and see what the status will be.

Dan noted that we do have a medicinal marijuana business, but that is regulated differently than the recreational. Many other towns/cities are already implementing moratoriums. This would give us a chance to see what we want to have for regulations and other stipulations regarding the issues that may arise. It was mentioned that the members could check the Selectmen minutes to see how they want to proceed. One thought is that some people may think if we don't have a moratorium here, but other towns do, we could get an influx of those who would want to propose setting up a business for recreational marijuana.

With permission from the Board members, Dan allowed resident Roger Bintliff to speak on his knowledge of this kind of business. He noted that it could be another cash crop for a farmer. However, it is hard to say where a retail business could operate in town. That would be one of the issue that the PB would need to focus on. Although there are places that could possibly work well as a retail / Social Club, the location would be the primary issue. Dan explained that even though we have a 5000' greenhouse business for the 'medicinal' marijuana, it doesn't contain the THC ingredient that most recreational users prefer. Mr. Bintliff provided much interesting information from experiences he has seen in other areas and states which gives the Board members something to research. Russell added that a moratorium doesn't ban it, it just gives us the time to check things out and see what steps we want to take in regard to providing ordinances. Look into 'Social Clubs' and retail businesses to get some guidance. We do know there will need to be agents who have license cards. The members thanked Mr. Bintliff for his input and information.

b.) Shari will need to ask Trudy if she can get more of the manuals & booklets for the rest of the members.

Item #5 - Adjournment - Russell made a motion to adjourn; Hope seconded. So voted at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lilly (Recording Secretary)