

Dresden Planning Board
P. O. Box 30
Dresden, Maine 04342
Meeting minutes for Monday, June 21, 2021

Present – Dan Hanley (Vice Chairman), Jay Cummings, Patty Stewart, Peter Elvin and Steve Stone. Jeff Pierce (Chairman) was absent. (We have one vacancy at this time.)

Others present – Michael Stewart (applicant), Dan Stewart, Jessica Lowell (KJ news) and Shari Lilly (recording secretary).

NOTE: As per order of the Maine CDC and the Governor, updated CoVid-19 guidelines are being followed.

Meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by the Vice Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM #1 – Review minutes of May 17, 2021 – An amendment was approved to note that Peter was said to be absent at the last meeting, but he was in attendance. Peter then moved to accept the minutes with the correction; Steve seconded and the motion was passed by show of hands. *No meeting on July 05.*

ITEM #2 – Michael Stewart – Proposed Medical Marijuana Retail Sales at new location- 353 Patterson Road – Map R06, Lot 074 – Michael has submitted an application to open a business for sales of Medical Marijuana at 353 Patterson Road which previously was used as a commercial building. His well-written proposal indicates how the business will be done and also feels it will make it more beneficial to patients in this area.

Peter asked if it would be wholesale or retail. Michael responded that he is permitted by the State to have one manufactured area and one retail. As a caregiver, he can wholesale to other caregivers. Peter then asked if it would be wholesale at the new location. Michael said it can be, but only to other caregivers. Everything else will be retail. He would be following the Office of Marijuana Policy (OMP). He has done all that he needs to through the State. Patty added that he is just waiting for us. *Note: Prior to discussion on this project, Patty, once again, mentioned she is a relation to the applicant, but all members agreed she has shown that she can be impartial and fair to this project.*

Steve asked how much area he has at the location. Michael and his father, Dan Stewart, both said there is sufficient parking around the building (it was noted that Dan Stewart owns the property). Steve then asked if the sales would be just to other caregivers, but it was noted that he will sell to patients with cards as well as other caregivers. Michael added that the State is very strict on documentation. Steve asked what other hurdles he would have to go through other than this Board. Michael said he would still have to go to the Select Board.

With no other questions, Steve made a motion to approve the application as a completed 'Minor Project' for Smooth Remedies Medical Marijuana sales at 353 Patterson Road; Dan seconded the motion which was passed by a show of hands. Steve then made a motion to have a site walk on Monday, July 19 at 6 p.m. at 353 Patterson Road with the public hearing to follow at the Planning Board meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Pownalborough Hall. Peter seconded the motion which was voted approved by all those present and voting. All notices to the abutting landowners and postings will be done as required.

ITEM #3 - Old Business - a.) Discussion on Dresden Land Use Ordinances - This was tabled.

b.) Draft of Proposed Mobile Home Park Ordinance – Tabled at this time.

c.) PB Member term limits – All members have been advised to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

ITEM #4 - New Business – None.

ITEM #5 – Other Business – None.

ITEM #6 - Adjournment – Steve motioned; Jay seconded. So voted at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lilly (Recording Secretary)