

Dresden Planning Board
P. O. Box 30
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Meeting minutes for Monday, March 02, 2020

Present - Jeff Pierce, Jay Cummings, Linda Biden, Peter Elvin, Steve Stone and Dan Hanley. Russell Peckham was absent.

Others present – Shari Lilly (recording secretary).

Jeff opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

ITEM #1 – Review minutes of February 03, 2020 - Linda motioned to accept as written; Jay seconded. Motion approved by show of hands of those present and voting.

ITEM #2 – Old Business – Marijuana definitions. Jay passed out some copies of information he has gotten from research of the State and other places. Steve said it 'mirrors' what we had received previously in a packet from Jeff. Jeff said that what we can do is to know what is considered 'recreational, medical, CBD & hemp' or what's a 'grow'. Perhaps go back and read the information we already have. Refer to the LUDO to see what the definitions are for such things as a 'retail shop', a grower or a growing facility so that we can define it for our 'Findings of Facts' when needed. Dan asked how we placed the facility on Bog Road. Jeff said it is medical under Agriculture. Meanings such as grow, retail or processing need to be defined for our LUDO in order to specify what each means to the town. Steve said there was a definition page to the cultural page and the cultivation, processing and the retailing pages. There are a lot of things involved in this. Jeff said he wants the group to do this so that we have stand-alone definitions. Things such as abutters or other issues need to be addressed. Jeff said, we're not building an ordinance now, we're just getting the definitions. Linda said we could refer to the State. If someone comes up with an application before we pass this, we don't have anything to refer to. Jeff said once we have someone wanting it in town, then we'd have to start work on this. Right now we don't have anything to define what we will need in regard to this type of business. This is something we can work on to see what we can come up with. Jeff said as we have nothing in place, we wouldn't be able to regulate anyone. That's why we need to work on building an ordinance for this.

ITEM #3 – New Business – *Nothing at this time.*

ITEM #4 – Other Business – All members were provided a list of building permits that had been issued from November 2019 to March 01, 2020.

Steve and Jay will work on the marijuana definitions. Jeff asked them to email Shari any information they want to share so she can get it out to all the members prior to the next meeting. He said that a town would have to opt-out in regard to selling marijuana.

ITEM #5 – – Adjournment – Linda motioned; Dan seconded. So voted at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lilly (Recording Secretary)