

Beacon Falls Planning & Zoning Commission
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Public Hearing

March 10, 2022

MINUTES

(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Donald Molleur opened the hearing at 6:30 P.M. and the call was read. Public Hearing legal notice was published in the Republican-American on February 25, 2022, and March 4, 2022, and posted to Town website

Members Present: Donald Molleur (DM), Michael Pratt (MP), Robert Starkey (RS), Jack Burns (JB), Howard Leeper (HL) Jonathan Conte (JC), Marc Bronn (MB), Harry Roscoe (HR)

Members Absent: Robert Starkey (RS), Michael Rupsis (MR)

Others Present: Town Planners Keith Rosenfeld (KR) and Savannah-Nicole Villalba (SN)

2. Public Hearing

a. Applicant's Presentation – Savannah-Nicole Villalba (SN), Town Planner – We have been working on reviewing the cannabis regulations and collaborating with the working group. At this point, we've determined the uses where the Commission is comfortable. Our recommendation is to continue the moratorium for an additional six months, to allow additional surveys and preparation.

b. Comments & Questions from Commissioners- later in meeting

c. Comments & Questions from Public

Joanne Delenick, 243 Bethany Road – Former professor. Victim of a crime- car theft. When the car was returned to me, it reeked of marijuana. Please get back to me if you have technical questions. In January of this year, I received a notice from the state that this individual violated parole. I think you should continue this moratorium for a long time.

Wesley Vercosa – on behalf of Craft Cured Consulting LLC

131 Summit Street, Unit C, Newington CT- Wesley Vercosa - There are entities such as Crafted Cured Consulting that can help local government with these regulations – The time of marijuana madness is behind us. Revenue that can be generated is 3% of gross revenue of sales.

Joanne Delenick, 243 Bethany Road – It is not known what the damages to the community will be. There is not going to be a Purdue family to sue.

HR: In regard to revenue, the working group felt that the revenue, after investigating is not what we expected This is a big issue of the town, I'm not sure how many are in favor.

MB: Comments should be directed to Governor Lamont. He legalized marijuana. We are looking at how to make this revenue produce work for our Town. The merits of debating marijuana oxycontin, that is not for this Commission. Seymour will have a facility. Naugatuck will. Even if we keep it out of Beacon Falls it will be in surrounding towns.

3. Adjournment

Motion to close hearing made by Harry Roscoe. Seconded by Michael Pratt. VOTE:

Donald Molleur	Chairman			
Jack Burns	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Harry Roscoe	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jonathan Conte	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Michael Rupsis	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>
Marc Bronn	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Robert Starkey	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>
Michael Pratt	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Howard Leeper	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent

Hearing was closed, by motion at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daigle

Clerk, Planning & Zoning Commission