

Town of Leicester Planning Board

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Grimshaw, Chair; Sharon Nist; Andrew Kularski, Debra Friedman, Alaa AbuSalah

ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robyn Zwicker

IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Knox, Board Secretary; Brian Green, Board of Selectmen Liaison

MEETING DATE: **October 3, 2017**

MEETING TIME: 7:00PM

AGENDA:

7:00PM Public Hearing, Zoning Bylaw Amendments:

- A. Recreational Marijuana Moratorium
- B. Keeping of Poultry & Livestock
- C. Parking

7:30PM Town Planner Report/General Discussion:

- A. Hydro-seeding security, Cherry Valley Solar
- B. Potential Future Zoning Bylaw Amendments
- C. Miscellaneous Project Updates
- D. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Grimshaw called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Public Hearing Zoning Bylaw Amendments:

- A. Recreational Marijuana Moratorium;
- B. Keeping of Poultry & Livestock;
- C. Parking

Mr. Grimshaw read the notice into the record and opened the hearing to discussion. Discussion reviewed from the previous meeting. As recommended at that meeting, a few minor changes to the parking and livestock amendments were made.

The definition to the Livestock/Poultry was amended so that only female birds are allowed and the minimum lot size for Livestock was changed to 40,000 square feet rather than splitting into different livestock categories. All agreed with amendment changes.

To allow Parking on contiguous parcels in different zone if the zone allowed such parking; delete zoning requirements for minimum lot size in Business and Central Business Districts and leave only in Parking Regulations; and renumber paragraphs. Ms. Nist pointed out in Section 5.1.04; it notes parking along Route 9 and parking was prohibited on Route 9 because it's a State Highway. Ms. Friedman agreed and suggested removing the words "Route 9". All agreed.¹

There were no changes made to the Recreational Marijuana article.

Mr. Grimshaw asked for any further discussion, questions or concerns, hearing none, asked for a motion to close and motions on zoning amendments.

MOTION: Ms. Friedman moved to close the Public Hearing on the Zoning Bylaw Amendments

¹ The reference to Route 9 in this sentence does not refer to on-street parking, but to off-street parking on lots on the same side of major roads. The reference to Route 9 was ultimately left in; the phrase "on a lot" was added to the sentence to clarify intent, so that the relevant portion of the sentence reads: "...provided that such parking is located on a lot on the same side of a major road (e.g. Route 9, Pleasant Street, Stafford Street) as the principal use..."

SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

MOTION: Ms. Friedman moved to approve the Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Recreational Marijuana Temporary Moratorium as presented.

SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

MOTION: Ms. Friedman moved to approve the Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Livestock & Backyard Poultry as presented.

SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

MOTION: Ms. Nist moved to approve the Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Parking, with correction in Section 5.1.04; eliminating the wording Route 9 within its definition.*

SECONDED: Ms. AbuSalah – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

*See footnote on previous page

Town Planner Report/General Discussion

- A. Hydro-seeding security, Cherry Valley Solar
Planning Board Signed Performance Agreement for Cherry Valley solar
- B. Potential Future Zoning Bylaw Amendments
Discussion tabled.
- C. Miscellaneous Project Updates
Tabled
- D. Upcoming Meeting Dates
October 17th meeting will happen only if needed. Currently no new applications.
November 7th meeting will remain because there are no elections this year. November 14th Special Town Meeting.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Grimshaw asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Ms. Friedman moved to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted:

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Documents include in meeting packet:

- Agenda
- Memo to the Planning Board from Michelle Buck regarding October 3, 2017 Planning Board Meeting
- Zoning Bylaw Amendment public hearing notice
- Draft Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Recreational Marijuana Temporary Moratorium
- Draft Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Livestock & Backyard Poultry
- Draft Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Parking

Documents submitted at meeting:

- None