

MINUTES

Newtown Planning and Zoning Commission

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Land Use Office
Council Chamber
Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut

Regular Meeting
May 15, 2014

Present: Mr. Mulholland, Mr. Swift and Mr. Corigliano. Alternates: Mr. Taylor seated for Mr. Porco, Mr. Pozek seated for Mr. Mitchell
Also present: George Benson, Land Use Director
Clerk: Ms. Wilkin

The meeting was opened at 7.37 p.m. Notice is made that the entire meeting was taped and can be heard in the Planning and Zoning Office, Municipal Building, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

Mr. Mulholland had nothing to review.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application by the Town of Newtown Planning and zoning Commission for a proposed amendment to the zoning regulations at Article VII, new Section 18 "Moratoriums"

Mr. Mulholland opened the discussion about proposed amendment to the zoning regulations pertaining to the growth, sale and distribution of medical marijuana. It was noted that Bethel has approved distribution out of a location near Target. Mr. Benson added that the matter is more complicated than originally thought. They need to discuss the issue more with town attorneys.

The Commission agreed that it would be better to wait and see how things go in Bethel. They therefore unanimously agreed to the suggested moratorium. There would be a one-year limit on this matter.

There were no members of the public present to address the matter.

Mr. Mulholland said that this gives everyone time to review the matter before voting on it. There was a hand vote to table the matter till the next meeting.

MANDATORY REFERRALS

Mandatory referral from the Town of Monroe in conformance with CGS-8-7d(f) concerning proposed zoning text amendments pertaining to Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Production Facility and Drive Through and Exterior Service Windows

Mandatory referral from the Town of Monroe in conformance with CGS 8-7d(f) concerning proposed zoning amendments pertaining to enlargement or extension of an existing non-conforming use.

Mandatory referral from the Town of Brookfield in conformance with CGS 8-3 concerning proposed zoning regulation change pertaining to Technical Standards – Lighting Fixtures and Lighting intensity.

The Commission agreed that these referrals did not impact Newtown. Mr. Mulholland will write letters to the appropriate parties advising them such.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Benson advised the Commission why the application to create a school zone. The public school zone was written specifically for Reed School, which would make other schools non-confirming. The staff needs to go back and re-write them so all schools conform to the same regulations. The Borough might adopt them once done.

Land Use Director's Comments

Mr. Benson had nothing to report.

Minutes

Mr. Pozek made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2014 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion was unanimously approve.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pozek made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Corigliano. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.