

Office of the **BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 272 Main Street, Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

Carolyn Smart, Chairman

Gordon Clark, Vice-Chairman

Cindy King, Clerk

James Kreidler, Town Administrator

Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 25, 2016 6:00 P.M. SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL 272 MAIN STREET, TOWNSEND, MA

I. PRELIMINARIES - VOTES MAY BE TAKEN:

- 1.1 Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and roll call vote showed Carolyn Smart(CS), Gordon Clark(GC) and Cindy King(CK) present.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance observed
- 1.3 Chairman announced that the meeting is being tape recorded.
- 1.4 Chairman's Additions or Deletions:
 - 3.2 Review/Sign Presidential Election Warrant.

II. APPOINTMENTS AND HEARINGS - VOTES MAY BE TAKEN:

2.1 6:05P.M. Bob Carr, President (BC) and Phil Silverman, Attorney and Compliance Officer (PS) of Nature's Remedy. BC introduced himself and gave a brief background on himself. PS explained the purpose and plan of the marijuana processing facility they are attempting to open on Scales Lane. PS went into detail regarding the methods and security as to how the facility would be run and be secured. As well as the Town would receive revenue from the facility, there would be jobs made available.

Lance McNally (LM) of the Planning Board gave an update as to the proposed draft bylaw regarding dispensaries and cultivation in Townsend. The Draft have been forwarded to the Townsend PD and the DARE officer whom provided comments.

James Kreidler, Town Administrator (JK) informed the Board upon review the draft bylaw with the Planning assistant the proposed facility fits within the requirements of the draft bylaw as it stands, with one exception regarding two pieces of the draft regarding the congregating of children.

CK asked regarding the benefits to the town, there are was the possibility of receiving some money from the facility. PS stated there would be some sort of agreement as to how the town would get paid. CK asked as to where this product would be sold, if they owned a dispensary as well, PS advised you must do it all under one ownership.

Discussion Included:

*is the a purchase and sales agreement? PS stated no

- *Is the Product FDA approved? BC stated no
- *Will the taxes be raised? PS no they would be responsible to pay property taxes as a property owner.

*can anyone purchase the product? PS no you must have a medical card provided by a Dr.

- * Many residents stated their concern as to the need to rush was unnecessary.
- * Many residents were concerned about the sale of the product. PS there will be no sale or distribution in town.
- Chief Robert Eaton (CE) voiced his concern of transport of the product PS explained the process of the unmarked vehicle two people in transport, on stays in the vehicle at all times.

The Board of Selectman unanimously decided to not to provide a letter of non-opposition

GC motioned to take a 5 minute recess CK seconded. Unanimous

Chairman Smart called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

III. MEETING BUSINESS - VOTES MAY BE TAKEN:

- 3.1 CK motioned to accept and sign the "Equal Opportunity Discrimination & Harassment Policy" as part of our personal policy. GC seconded. Unanimous.
- 3.2 CK motioned to approve and sign Presidential Election Warrant for November 8, 2016 GC seconded. Unanimous.

IV. APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONNEL:

- 4.1 CK motioned to appoint Ron Montgomery to the Energy Committee effective September 20, 2016 to June 30, 2019. GC seconded. Unanimous
- 4.2 CS updated the board they have not yet appointed a representative to the capital planning committee. She asked to be appointed. CK motioned to appoint Carolyn Smart as the Selectman's Rep to the Capital Planning Committee GC seconded.

V. WORK SESSION - VOTES MAY BE TAKEN:

- 5.1 Town Administrator updates and reports N/A
- 5.2 Board of Selectmen announcements, updates, and reports -

CK reported she attended a making IT Work seminar focused on public records and making them more easily accessible

GC spoke of the day training by the Pepperell Fire/EMS.

CS reminded the people of the All Boards Committee training. As well as the own Hall will be closing early at 2PM on November 10th to allow for staff to get to training in Leominster on Public Records. Early voting reminder currently going on till 8PM with Saturday hours.

- 5.3 Approval of Meeting minutes.
- 5.4 Review and sign payroll and bills payable warrants. CK motioned to review sign warrant out of session GC seconded Unanimous.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

CK motioned to adjourn at 8:25 PM GC seconded. Unanimous.