

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2017**

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Present: Jason Brown, Ellen Allen, Alison Demong, Peter Smellie, Peter Morin

Open Session, prior to planning board meeting, about 7:25pm:

All discussed at length the proposed public way Warrant Article for Wildcat Hill, and how to address the associated issues. The Article will probably be indefinitely postponed (IP) for Town Meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the BOS open meeting minutes for March 8, March 15 and April 12, 2017. Unanimously voted

Wildcat Hill Article next steps

The board proposed meeting on Saturday, May 6th, at 9am with members of the Planning Board, AW Perry – developer, the Wildcat Hill HOA, the Highway Surveyor, the board of Water Commissioners, Town Counsel and anyone else involved in the signoff procedure for the Town to accept a public way. Per Mr. Morin, the concern is that the HOA is underestimating the full extent of their level of responsibility once the developer signs off on these roadways. There should be covenants with full disclosure of this responsibility in the deeds for each house in the development, as well as a paper trail, and surety to perform.

Planning Board Meeting Preparation and Discussion

Ms. Allen gave a quick update on topics to be discussed at the Planning Board meeting. She recapped the voting history of the recreational marijuana bill in both the Town and state with regard to its legality and possible actions by the Town. Because the Town voted against the legalization of recreational marijuana last November, the BOS is putting forward 3 Warrant Articles and a ballot question designed to keep recreational marijuana facilities outside of Norwell. Several approaches are being proposed due to the lack of clarity in the still pending legislation. The Mass Municipal Lawyers Association (MMLA) has spent a lot of time discussing amendments to this legislation. The BOS is proposing the four action items it recommends:

1. A ballot question to ban recreational marijuana businesses
 2. A General Bylaw ban on recreational sales, which is not before the Planning Board for review
 3. A zoning bylaw ban, which is before the Planning Board for review,
 4. A moratorium on recreational sales, which is also before the Planning board for review.
- If the other measures are not feasible alternatives, the moratorium will allow the Town time to react and come up with a workable plan. It is not clear which option which will work at this point, the zoning bylaw ban or a general bylaw ban. The three Articles in the warrant all need to be voted on. Medical sales would still be allowed, as the Town is not allowed to ban those sales. Police Chief Ross is not in favor of recreational sales in the Town. Discussion ensued about the possibility of the state overruling the Town vote if recreational sales are allowed. Mass Medi Spa would be the logical recreational sales entity for the Town. All agreed that this complex issue is hard to address. Mr. Morin thinks the proposed moratorium will pass with the needed 2/3 majority vote. The general bylaw would need a majority and the zoning bylaw would need a 2/3 majority vote.

Proposed Purchase of Ipad tablets for the board

If I-pad tablets are purchased, the middle size would be best, and would need both Word and Excel software. The building will also need a boosted wi-fi connection in the Osborn room.

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Other Discussion Topics

Training for People GIS is May 11th. Additional I-pads are being ordered for other departments; Planning, Con Com and the Assessors' office.

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The Kopacz property on Cross Street status was discussed.

The meeting was moved to the Planning Board office to be continued at 8:04pm.



Jason Brown