

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2019**

6:30 PM: Open Meeting
Quorum present: Bernie Fallon (BF), Chair; Peter Skorput (PS); Doane Perry (DP). Also present: AdminAsst Mark Webber. No press present.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes as presented.
Board reviews and signs weekly payroll and vendor warrants.

6:50 PM: BF opens the regular portion of the meeting.

Jon Piasecki, represented by Attorney Lori Robbins (LR), attends Board meeting to present plans to apply for a marijuana cultivation license/special permit. Specifically, they wish to discuss a Community Host Agreement (CHA) with the Board. LR opens the discussion by stating that she has been hired by Mr. Piasecki and that Mr. Piasecki is not allowed to speak during tonight's meeting. It is noted that Mr. Piasecki has contacted the State Ethics Commission to discuss potential conflicts of interest in that he is a current member of the W.S. Planning Board. LR outlines Mr. Piasecki's intentions as follows: to seek an HCA from the Town, as required by the State Cannabis Control Commission (CCC); to host a Community Outreach Meeting, as required by the CCC; once an HCA is negotiated, then Mr. Piasecki will apply for a provisional cultivator's license from the CCC; if approved, Mr. Piasecki will then apply to the Planning Board for the required Special Permit. It is noted that Mr. Piasecki will have to resign his seat from the Planning Board prior to applying for the Special Permit. LR explains that her client plans to grow up to 46 marijuana plants on his property behind an existing barn to be harvested and sold to a wholesaler. There is to be no retail or other related uses other than cultivation. LR notes that the growing will be within the allowed Tier 1 canopy of 5,000 square feet and will not be seen from the street or neighbors. CCC approved fencing and security will be provided. LR then addresses a Community Impact Fee (CIF) and states that the proposed operation will have little or no impact on the Town and, therefore, should be minimal, if at all. AA notes that the Town may assess a 3% annual fee against gross sales for no longer than 3 years. A general discussion of how a CIF might be distributed, if assessed. AA supplies LR with a draft HCA and another from an executed agreement from another Berkshire community. LR will review and get back to the Board in the near future. Board thanks LR and Mr. Piasecki for attending.

Other Business/Discussion/Action items:

- PS states that he has received several calls about the recently distributed "junk car letters" received by some residents informing them that they had 14 days to either register or remove junk vehicles from their properties. PS says that some may have unique circumstances that could allow for an extension from the Town Bylaw stated 14-day compliance. Following a discussion, Board agrees to allow for a not to exceed 30-day extension for hardship and inform the Chief of Police of same on a case by case basis. Resident George Allen, in attendance, requests an extension for his several junk vehicles. Board grants him a 30-day extension to March 1, 2019. If he doesn't comply, he will be issued a bylaw violation ticket which will have to be answered in Southern Berkshire District Court.
- DP will be meeting with Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton to view the area adjacent to the Williams River running from the Harris Street bridge towards the sewer treatment plant for the purpose of researching options for a possible river walk.
- Board will meet next on February 6th.

7:50 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board, PS makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. DP seconds the motion. Vote taken; 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Bernie Fallon, Chair

Peter Skorput

Doane Perry

Date: _____