

**Charlemont Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes June 6/2019**

Members present: Bill Harker, Co-Chair; Carlene Hayden, Gisela Walker,  
Member absent: Robert Malone, Bob Nelson  
Also present; Marcia and Bill Tucci, Dan Wetterwald and Tabetha Thompson  
The Chair called meeting to order at 7.00pm

Motion to approve minutes of 5/16/19 by the Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> CHayden, unanimously approved

**Item 1: Tucci Sun & Soil Cannabis Cooperative Special Permit application:**

The Tuccis and Mr. Wetterwald came to discuss what materials they should prepare for the special permit hearing. They presented various site plans of the proposed facility, explained their organizational structure with the two separate LLCs and told the Board what permits they still need for the State permits. The Board then scheduled their special permit hearing for July 11, 2019 at 7.30pm.

**item 2: Tabatha Thompson/Tuber Taxi**

Ms. Thompson plans to set herself up as a shuttle service for tubers on the Deerfield River. She is very familiar with the tubing situation and its challenges on the River and presented a well-thought out plan. The Board told her to get a business license from the Town Clerk, encouraged her to contact Mr. Gould, landowner at the Shunpike, for a secured parking spot, get a livery license and wished her well.

**Item 3: Special Town Meeting Timeline**

Carlene presented the timeline we put together with dates for all the steps required for special town meeting in the fall. Based on this the public hearing on the proposed marijuana bylaw would take place September 5 or 12 with town meeting to be held either October 19 or 26.

**Item 4: Complaints re Hyytinen Hollow Tubing Business**

At town meeting and in writing the SB and the Planning Board, the Board received complaints from Mr. and Mrs. Banks about the expansion of the Hyytinen tubing business generating a new wave of many trespassers onto their land and loud music. Nick Hall, Marie Hyytinen's son, had been before the Board before, telling us that they plan to expand majorly into weekend parties with music, vendors (possible sales of marijuana products), tents and food. They consider those to be private parties. The Board had told them to apply for a Special Permit because those plans constitute a significant expansion of his mother's permit from 2007 for putting tubers on the River. He has refused to comply with this request. The Board will now submit to the Building Inspector a copy of the original permit together with the letter of complaint from the Banks' and request that he look into the weekend goings-on. Carlene was told that in cities such as Northampton large public gatherings like this, called "*ExtravaganJa*" have been approved with regular police monitoring and restrictions. Gisela Walker agreed to look for the 2007 minutes re an amendment to the special permit that was not signed by the Board.

### Item 5: Summer schedule

The Planning Board will meet next on June 26<sup>th</sup> to wrap up the Backroads LLC public hearing; July 11<sup>th</sup> (instead of July 4) at 6pm with the FRCOG Planning Director on finalizing the marijuana bylaw and lay out the process to town meeting; July 25<sup>th</sup> to approve the draft bylaw for the public meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Many people have expressed interest in the new bylaw and the Board had hoped to use the telephone broadcast service to alert people of the meeting but the SB has not approved this as of yet. The Board discussed how else we could get the word out. Any ideas are welcome. It promises to be a busy summer.

Motion to adjourn by BHarker, 2<sup>nd</sup> GWalker, all in favor at 9.30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gisela Walker

### **Documents viewed in meeting of 6/6/2019**

Sun & Soil Cannabis Cooperative Special Permit file and related documents

Tuber business signs and aerial map printouts

Zoning revisions timeline/meeting dates

Zoning Amendment Summary List

Complaint regarding Hyytinen Hollow tubes/disruptive activity on Tea Street Extension

Hyytinen Hollow Tubes Special Permit file (2004, amended 2007)

Suggested Definition changes by J Mirin (received, but not discussed as a Board)