

**BARRE TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

Some members of the Barre Town Planning Commission had a joint meeting with the Selectboard on **September 13, 2022**, at the Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road, Websterville, VT.

MEMBERS

In person: Chris Neddo and Cedric Sanborn and Chris Violette

STAFF PRESENT

In person: Chris Violette

OTHERS PRESENT:

Attorney Jim Barlow, Town Manager: Carl Rogers, Selectboard: Paul White, Norma Malone, Justin Bolduc, Bob Nelson and W. John Mitchel

Excerpt from the Selectboard meeting taken by Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

A. ZONING BY-LAW:

Background: The last detail to settle on the zoning by-law amendments is what definitions of the five classes of cannabis businesses to use. The proposed ordinance uses definitions written by the Planning Commission. Attorney Jim Barlow recommended using the State definitions for consistency.

Those present: Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette, Planning Commission Chair Cedric Sanborn, Development Review Board member Chris Neddo, and Attorney Jim Barlow. Board members received the following documents for review: •

Planning Commission’s report about the proposed zoning amendments • Proposed ordinance • State guidelines, including cannabis definitions.

The Selectboard reviewed the ordinance by title.

Attorney Jim Barlow and Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette have prepared amendments to the cannabis businesses definitions. Mr. Barlow shared the amended definitions with Board members. The amendments include part of the cannabis licensing law statute. Mr. Barlow explained that it is important to remember that the Cannabis Control Board will have complete control over the market.

The municipality is responsible for the zoning and different uses within those zones. Mrs. Malone suggested adding a definition for a Cannabis Establishment within the zoning by-law. Mr. Violette confirmed that this can be added. Conversation continued as Mr. Violette summarized the amendments to the zoning by-law. Board members thanked Mr. Barlow, Mr. Violette and the Planning Commission for all of their work on the zoning by-law amendments.

The Selectboard voted to advance the zoning by-law’s ordinance to a public hearing on October 4, 2022

Cedric Sanborn, Chair

Mike Gilbar

George Clain

Byron Atwood

Chris Violette

Craig Chase

Terry Reil