

Town of Bowdoin
Planning Board Minutes
September 28, 2021

Members Present:

Michaeline Mulvey, Chair
Leroy Letourneau
Lauren Leclerc

M. 10.26.2021



Helen Watts, Vice Chair
Jim Moulton

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Absent:

Dennis Douglas, Code Enforcement Officer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Watts arrived 7:04 pm.

Consideration of Minutes: Letourneau moved to accept the minutes of September 14, 2021, as written, Moulton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes were signed. The meeting was not recorded.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

Tracy Rousseau came in to discuss opening a cannabis business in Town. She currently lives in Bowdoinham but used to live in Bowdoin and still owns land across Pond Road from Bowdoin Central School.

The Planning Board Chair indicated that a cannabis business requires a Town ordinance, which the Town currently does not have. This ordinance would need to be adopted by the Town. The state model language includes a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from a school for a grow operation. Mulvey indicated that the business would also have to go through Site Plan review.

Tracy indicated that she can provide the model ordinance to the Board. She will email the information to the Board Secretary. Tracy will bring more information to the next Board meeting

Mulvey indicated that there are two avenues to go through to get a cannabis ordinance:

1. Look into a petition which would require signatures of 10% of the Town's residents that voted in the last gubernatorial election. The Town Clerk, Melanie Paige can provide those numbers.

2. Selectboard or the Planning Board can put a warrant in the Town Meeting to have an ordinance passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Leclerc, Secretary

Cc: Selectmen, Webmaster, Code Enforcement, Planning Board Files