

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH PLANNING BOARD



MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 15, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.  
Planning Board's Meeting Room #315  
Town Office Building, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA

**Present**

John Sousa, Presided as Chair  
Margaret Sweet  
Stephen Taylor, Clerk

Christine O'Grady, AICP, Planning Director

**Via Conference Call**

Lorri-Ann Miller, Chairwoman

**Absent**

Kevin Melo, Vice Chairman

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Chairman Sousa opened the Board's meeting at 8:47 a.m.

**Administrative Items**

- (1) **Discussion: Fall Town Meeting Zoning Articles**  
Resident Petition Proposing Amendment to the Zoning By-Law for Recreational Marijuana – Article 10 Floor Motion #2

Chairman Sousa presented a synopsis of the proposed Article 10 Floor Motion #2 as expected to be introduced by Shawn McDonald. It was explained that the proposed motion would be presented as a motion being made by an individual and not that of the Select Board. Members of the Select Board never voted on the proposed motion. The proposed motion recommends making the Select Board the Special Permit granting authority for any Marijuana Establishment proposed within the General Business District. This second motion would only be proposed if the first Motion, Motion 1, is approved by Town Meeting members.

Chair Souza indicated that the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are the Special Permit granting authority for zoning and land use in the Town and not Select Board members. The Select Board is involved in the marijuana establishment host agreement process. Chair Souza indicated that he would not be in favor of the Select Board becoming the Special Permit granting authority. M. Sweet concurred with Chair Souza's option. S. Taylor asked a question regarding the process, then agreed with the other board members regarding proposed Motion 2.

Those Planning Board members present at the morning meeting voted in favor of

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opposing Motion 2 if presented at Town Meeting. Board members indicated that the Town Moderator should be notified of the Planning Board opinion if the motion is presented.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Sousa called for a motion to adjourn. Margaret Sweet motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Stephen Taylor, and unanimously voted.

9:03 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

The Planning Board members Lorri-Ann Miller, Kevin Melo, Stephen Taylor, and Margaret Sweet will be in attendance at the Fall Annual Town Meeting, October 15, 2019 Dartmouth High School Auditorium, 555 Bakerville Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine O'Grady

**APPROVED BY:**

The Dartmouth Planning Board

*Lorri-Ann Miller*

Date of Approval: November 4, 2019