

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES**

The meeting of the Hampden Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2011, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Chairman Peter Weatherbee.

Attendance: Planning Board Chairman Peter Weatherbee, Members Michael Avery, Peter Frazier, Eugene Weldon, Attorney Tom Russell, Associate Member Kelley Wiltbank.

Also in attendance: Town Planner Robert Osborne and Recording secretary Rosemary Bezanson and applicants for tonight's meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 13, 2011)

Member Avery stated that a few corrections needed to be made to the minutes.

Member Avery made a motion to table the minutes, this was seconded by Member Weldon. The vote was unanimous.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Town of Hampden requests amendments to regulate medical marijuana registered dispensaries and cultivation facilities and methadone clinics including amendments to Definitions 7.2, district regulations Article 3.1 – Industrial Park, 3.2 – Industrial and 3.3 – Commercial Service Districts, Performance Standards are proposed in Article 4.24 and parking standards are proposed in Article 4.7 – Public Hearing

Public hearing was opened by Chairman Weatherbee. There was no one from the general public who wished to speak.

Mr. Osborne spoke about the proposed language and the text amendments.

The Planning Board's ordinance committee met on January 26, 2011 to discuss the text amendments. The Committee Chairman Mike Avery stated that they recommended an "ought to pass" recommendation be sent back to the Town Council.

Chairman Weatherbee asked that Mr. Osborne go thru the amendments for the Board.

Member Weldon made a motion to send the zoning text amendments back to Town Council with an "ought to pass" recommendation, this motion was seconded by Member Avery. The vote was four in favor and one against. Member Frazier voted against the recommendation.

Chairman Weatherbee asked that Mr. Osborne's staff memo be made part of the record.

4. STAFF REPORT

No staff report

5. BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS

Member Frazier raised some concerns about the medical marijuana.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Avery, Secretary