

WESTMINSTER ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 4, 2019

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PRESENT

Burt Gendron, Erin Casali, Dan Stango, Lisa Rocheleau, Joe Serio, Missy Banks

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting of Advisory Board called to order at 7:02pm in Room 128 at Westminster Town Hall.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Erin submitted the minutes from the January 28, 2019 meeting for approval.

MOTION to approve the minutes, Burt, seconded by Dan; APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Nothing to discuss.

AGENDA ITEMS

*Zoning changes* - Stephen Wallace joined the Advisory Board to discuss five zoning amendments:

- 1) *Revised sign bylaw*: hasn't been updated since the 1970s. Discussed the different provisions of the proposed bylaw update.
- 2) *Proposed expansion of Simplex Drive Industrial district*: Steven Wallace presented the proposed change from residential to industrial of a section of land near Simplex Drive. There was a hearing on Saturday, March 2 and another hearing tomorrow night, the last meeting will be on March 26 before deciding if the proposal will go to the Annual Town Meeting. The following questions remain open for the owner of the industrial land: who is the tenant, how many jobs, traffic, water, hours of operation, etc.
- 3) *Marijuana Industrial* - Restricted to industrial zones, upon execution of acceptable Host Agreement and Special Permit/site plan. Consensus between planning board and Board of Selectman has been reached.
- 4) *Marijuana Retail* - a) Option 1 - allow in industrial district, with host agreement, and special permit, locations would be limited to 20% of the number of retail liquor licenses in Town (which right now is 2); b) Option 2: total ban on retail sales of marijuana. Consensus has not been reached between the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board on these options.

*Fire Department joined the Board to discuss their FY20 Budget*

- Radio tower (to replace the one that is currently attached to the Ellis Road water tower which is being replaced): land test has been performed, and a drawing of the foundation has been obtained. TBD still on the cost. Plan to have the information for Annual Town Meeting.

- Kyle and Adam came to answer questions from the previous meeting (Overtime, emergency management budget and ambulance accounting) - non-scheduled overtime in the Fire Budget is used directly for Fire (for training, etc. if not all used); non-scheduled overtime in the Ambulance budget is used for new paramedics fees, education, etc.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The Advisory Board will meet on March 11 to discuss the FY20 School budget with the Superintendent. Further meetings will be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin K. Casali, Secretary