



Hudson Board of Appeals

Town Hall

Hudson, Massachusetts 01749

Minutes of Meeting—March 12, 2020

The Hudson Board of Appeals met in the Town Hall, 2nd floor Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hudson, Massachusetts. At 7:00 PM, Vice Chair Darja Nevits called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Darja Nevits, Vice Chair; Jason Mauro, Member; Member; Pamela Cooper, Associate Member; Ronald Sorgman, Associate Member, Justin O'Neil, Associate Member, Matt Russell, Associate Member.

Other Attendees: Kristina Johnson, AICP, Assistant Planning Director

It should be noted that the Vice Chair Darja Nevits presided over the meeting as Chair.

Petition #2020- 01 11 Brent Drive

Present were: Ryan Cohen, Top Shelf Cannaseurs (petitioner)

Vice Chair Nevits read the public hearing notice for the above referenced petition.

Jason Mauro read the right of appeal.

The Board discussed the legal opinion furnished by Town Counsel, Aldo Cipriano and the response provided by the applicant's Attorney, Blake Mensing. Vice Chair Nevits asked the Board if they have any questions about the three options recommended by Counselor Cipriano with respect to the requirement of the petitioner to furnish copies of all required registrations, licenses, and permits, including a provisional license from the State Cannabis Control Commission. The Board determined that option 2: allowing the petitioner to request a continuance of the public hearing to a date a certain would be the most prudent way to proceed.

Vice Chair Nevits asked the petitioner if he is satisfied with proceeding under option 2; to which, the petitioner stated yes.

Vice Chair Nevits seconded by Jason Mauro moved to continue the public hearing until April 16, 2020. 6-0-0. Unanimous.

Vice Chair Nevits turned over the floor to Assistant Director, Kristina Johnson to address the abutters and interested parties in attendance. Ms. Johnson noted that

some of the abutters expressed concerns about the meeting taking place amid the COVID-19 uncertainties. She explained that the reason for conducting the meeting was to avoid having the petition constructively approved, as the public hearing for a special permit petition must be opened within 65 days of filing with the Town Clerk. Ms. Johnson emphasized that having the meeting take place and Board continue the public hearing protects the interest of the Town and the abutters.

Minutes

- Action on the 2/13 minutes was deferred until the next Board meeting

Adjournment

Vice Chair Nevits seconded by Jason Mauro by moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. 6-0-0. Unanimous.