

**Ashland Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 29, 2015**

Members Present: Susan MacLeod (chair), Carol Fucarile, Normand DeWolfe, Mardean Badger, Cheryl Cox and Fran Newton.

Others Present: Jack McCormack, Jason Sidman, CEO and David Syrek, MD "Sanctuary, ACT", a NH non- profit.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Susan MacLeod.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes for the July 1, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. Mardean Badger made a motion to accept the July 1 minutes as written. Carol Fucarile seconded the motion. With four votes in the affirmative and one abstention the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The portion of the meeting dealing with recent correspondence was tabled until the end of the meeting.

Atty. Jack McCormack addressed the Planning Board. Atty. McCormack was representing Sanctuary ACT a NH non-profit. Representatives of the non-profit Jason Sidman, CEO of the non-profit and David Syrek, MD were also present.

Atty. McCormack addressing the Planning Board explained that Sanctuary ACT is a NH non-profit looking to establish their new business at 37-39 Winter Street in Ashland. The business would need 14,000 square feet to operate in a warehouse measuring 60,000 square feet. The business to be established would be a medical marijuana growing site. Mr. Jason Sidman explained that the operation was under the direction of an award winning horticulturalist with 12 years' experience growing medical marijuana. The growing operation would be in a secure facility. The business would establish a camera on premises that would record all business in the building and would be linked to the local and state police. Parking for the business would be inside the warehouse itself making outside onsite parking unnecessary. The present plan is for the medical marijuana to be shipped in a secure vehicle to a dispensary in Plymouth, NH, the details of which are yet to be worked out. Mr. Sidman and Dr. Syrek came before the Planning Board to inquire what the proper procedure was to establish a business in Ashland.

Susan MacLeod, Chair of the Board, explained that 37-39 Winter Street would need to be inspected by the town would need to meet all current town building and fire codes. With the product being produced being a consumable product the Health Officer will need to inspect the premises to be sure that the business is in compliance with any and all health codes of the town. The owners of Sanctuary ACT would need to fill out a business application and submit a Site Plan for a Site Plan Review by the Planning Board. All documentation would need to be

submitted to the Board by August 13. The Site Plan Review would be on the agenda for the September 2 regular Planning Board meeting.

The Planning Board reviewed the Lester Site Plan information to determine the plans and information that have already been approved by the ZBA. The members determined what questions they could ask of the attorneys present, the abutters present and any other interested parties. The members discussed the procedure involved in scheduling continuances of regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings. The members discussed processes and procedures to get necessary additional information if needed.

The Planning Board reviewed the newest set of zoning maps of the Town of Ashland. The maps contain information on each commercial and residential parcel in town. Each parcel was color coded to designate whether it was a commercial property or a residential property. The maps were more detailed in the information that they showed than some previous maps. It was decided that there were a few corrections needed for these maps. When corrected at least one map should be laminated and placed in the Town Office for the Board's use and public use.

**The next meeting is the Board meeting, will be Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 pm at the Ashland Elementary School Library.**

With nothing more to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8: 00 PM.

*Minutes submitted by Paula Hancock*