

Chester Planning & Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting, February 11, 2016
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Planning & Zoning Commission held its regular meeting immediately following two public hearings on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. Chairman Lavy called the meeting to order at 8:50 PM.

2. Roll Call & Seating of Alternates

Those members in attendance and seated were Jon Lavy, Mel Seifert, Sally Murray, Steven Merola, Keith Scherber, Peter Zanardi, Doreen Joslow, Michael Sanders (seated for vacant position) and Jacqueline Stack (seated for H. Krempel).

3. Audience of Citizens – none.

4. Old Business

(a) Marijuana Moratorium Extension to August 31, 2016

The following motion was made after the close of the public hearing -

Motion by Murray, second by Sanders, to approve Extension of Marijuana Moratorium for Production and Dispensary Facilities until August 31, 2016. Unanimously Approved.

(b) Amendment to Zoning Regulations – Add new Section 117 Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Production

It was noted the Petition to add new Section 117 Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Production had been withdrawn at the end of the public hearing prior to this regular meeting.

(c) Application Fees – continuing review – nothing new to report.

5. New Business – none.

6. Report of Officers and Subcommittees

(a) Report from Zoning Compliance Officer

ZCO Brown reported there were no zoning permits issued for the month of January. She also reported a letter was received from Sydney and Patrick Woomer Re Legal Status of 48 Maple Street, which letter has been turned over to Commission Counsel for review.

7. Bills for Payment – none.

8. Communications, Receipt of New Petitions, New Applications

(a) Letter from Sydney and Patrick Woomer Re Legal Status of 48 Maple Street

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Chairman Lavy reported letter was received from Sydney and Patrick Woomer Re Legal Status of 48 Maple Street, which letter has been turned over to Commission Counsel for review.

9. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2016 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Murray, second by Seifert, to approve January 14, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes as written. Unanimously Approved.

Motion by Murray, second by Joslow, to approve January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Unanimously Approved.

10. Pending Litigation

Commission Counsel David Royston noted there is a pending appeal to Section 80, Research & Light Manufacturing of the Zoning Regulations. There is a scheduling Order to produce the record by March 1st. Attorney Royston noted he spoke to Attorney Ed Cassella who represents the individuals that brought the Appeal to see if there is anything specific they are looking for as an amendment that could be presented to the Commission. Nothing has been received yet, but Attorney Cassella indicated he was “tweaking” something. Attorney Royston noted the Commission should just proceed to produce the record and go forward. He also noted interestingly enough, there was a zoning permit issued to 60 Airport Industrial Park Road under the new Section 80. A letter was attached to that zoning permit indicating that regulation has been appealed and if the appeal is successful, that could potentially effect the zoning permit.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Murray, second by Seifert, to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Murray /jrb

Sally Murray, Secretary