

Town of Orrington
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2015

Members present: J. Louis Morin, Chairman; Steve Taylor; Chuck Hydek; Mark Buongirno; Dan Wellington, CEO; Susan Carson, Town Clerk; 2 members of the public were in attendance, Keith Bowden and Charlie Green. Mark Fox had called Mrs. Carson to inform her that he would not be able to make the meeting. He was excused.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Morin.
2. Approve minutes from November 20, 2014 meeting. Motion made to accept by Mr. Hydek and seconded by Mr. Buongirno. Accepted by unanimous vote.
3. Public Comments. None.
4. Old Business: None.
5. New Business: None.
6. Discussion items:

Continued discussion of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance: Mr. Buongirno noted that Article 4-5, letter D and K appear to say the same thing. The consensus was to delete item D and adjust letter sequence to format.

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, Medical Marijuana Growing Facilities and Methadone Clinics: Mr. Morin welcomed comments from the public in attendance. Mr. Wellington had presented the Board with a copy of an amendment to the Town of Hermon's LUO, which only allows these facilities in the Industrial Zone in their municipality. For Orrington, this zoning restriction would limit the areas where dispensaries, growing facilities and methadone clinics would be allowed. Mr. Hydek would like to know what the Board of Selectmen's thoughts would be on restricting these facilities to the "woods" area of the Brewer Lake Road MRC zone, versus the Rt. 15 Commercial area. Setbacks would need to be reviewed. Mr. Buongirno made a motion to allow Medical Marijuana Growing Facilities in the Commercial zone only. Mr. Judd seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Buongirno made a motion to require setbacks of buildings within the lot to be 40' on front side, and 100' for sides and back. Mr. Judd seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Judd made a motion to require the lot size to be a minimum of 4 acres. Mr. Hydek seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Hydek made a motion to require the district setbacks to be 500'. Mr. Judd seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Board was in consensus to specify only to allow indoor growing facilities. Mr. Hydek made a motion to require setbacks from lot lines containing schools, churches, licensed childcare facilities and residential lot lines to be 500'. Mr. Buongirno seconded. Vote was 4 in favor and 1 (Mr. Judd) opposed. Mr. Hydek made a motion to limit the number of growing facilities in Orrington to 1. Mr. Taylor seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Additional amendments and corrections as may be suggested by the Board: Mr. Morin requested

a volunteer to work on putting the decisions made tonight for the proposed LUO changes into a draft. Mr. Hydek volunteered.

Given no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

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L. Morin, Chair
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