

Bucksport Planning Board
6:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Bucksport Town Office
50 Main Street

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian MacDonald | <input type="checkbox"/> Edward Belcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Johnson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Grant | | |

Planning Board Chair: Brian MacDonald Planning Board Secretary: Steve Feite

2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes: April 4, 2017 meeting.

3. Chair's Report

4. Code Enforcement Officer's Report

5. Limited Public Forum: An opportunity for the Public to address the Board on matters related to land use or planning in the Town of Bucksport.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. New Business:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING:**
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8. Administrative Business:

- A. Review of land uses allowed in the Industry Development District (tabled)
- B. Proposed dimensional changes in the DTS District (continued discussion)
- C. Retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs (continued discussion)

9. Discussion

10. Adjournment

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MINUTES

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2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes: The draft minutes for the April 4, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: (Johnson) To accept the minutes with an amendment to Item 7 correcting the mentioned date from May 2nd to June 4th.

SECOND: (Belcher)

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-0 MOTION ADOPTED (Members Grant and Hanson arrived shortly after this vote)

3. Chair's Report: None

4. Code Enforcement Officer's Report: The CEO reported on the following:

1. Board members have been invited to share their stories for the Heart & Soul efforts that are underway.
2. The town council has requested that an RFP be advertised for work to save Wilson Hall. Work will include repairing or replacing the roof and belfry, and installing new windows.
3. The town council will be holding a public hearing on May 25th for the new Comprehensive Plan.

5. Limited Public Forum: An opportunity for the Public to address the Board on matters related to land use or planning in the Town of Bucksport.

Mike Hawes asked the board for advice on how to get approval for a mobile home park in the Residential Growth District, where the use is now prohibited. The board informed Mr. Hawes that contract zoning may be the best approach, rather than a zone-wide change request.

6. Unfinished Business: None

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allowed in their community. The Planning Board has started that discussion and invites the citizens of Bucksport and others to share their views.

The chair opened the public hearing at 6:55PM. The CEO offered an explanation on the new law and the purpose of the public hearing. Public comments were submitted from the following citizens:

Valerie Sulya, Bucksport Public Health Officer, stated that she was opposed to the retail sales of recreational marijuana.

Sean Geagan, Bucksport Police Chief, stated that if the board was considering allowing these uses, they should carefully consider where they should be allowed.

Mary Lou Weaver stated that she was opposed, adding that the uses would create havoc.

The chair closed the public hearing at 7:05PM.

8. Administrative Business:

A. Review of land uses allowed in the Industry Development District (tabled)

No further discussion was conducted on this item.

B. Proposed dimensional changes in the DTS District (continued discussion)

The CEO reported that no response has been received from DEP on the board's most recent proposed changes.

C. Retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs (continued discussion)

The board conducted a discussion about their next steps. It was suggested that a motion be made to decide if the board's recommendation to the town council should be to ban retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs. A motion was made:

MOTION: (Grant) To ban retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs in the town of Bucksport.

SECOND: (Feite)

DISCUSSION: The CEO clarified the purpose of the motion

VOTE: 2-5 MOTION FAILED (Members Grant and Feite voted yes on the motion)

The board then considered meeting with the town council to discuss and get direction on the issue of amending the town's land use ordinance to regulate retail marijuana. A motion was made:

MOTION: (Johnson) To discuss retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs with the town council on May 11th.

SECOND: (Hanson)

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0 MOTION ADOPTED

9. Discussion: None

10. Adjournment: 7:55PM

Minutes prepared by
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Recording Secretary