

Present: Chairwoman Michelle Rewenko, Cynthia Kasey, Daniel Thurston, Matthew Szydlo, Deborah Kovall, Alternate Member Dave Foster, ZEO Troy LaMere and LUC Polly Redmond  
Absent: Alternate Members Don Truskauskas and Theodore Root

1. **OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

Chairwoman M. Rewenko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All regular members present are seated.

2. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 9/28/20**

M. Szydlo **motioned** to approve the minutes with amendment to page 3, paragraph 2, adding the following:

*"Motion was seconded by M. Szydlo and passed unanimously."* D. Kovall seconded the motion to amend and approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.

4. **SHAWN MAGILL, 25 LOCUST ROAD – INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON HEMP FARMING ON VACANT LAND IN TOWN.**

Mr. Magill joins the WebEx meeting and explains his proposal in detail. The area to be used for farming will be less than one acre. There will be no till farming, it will be natural farming using plants, compost, natural bacteria and fungi to feed the plants. There will be mulched rows of eight, 150 feet long, 60 feet wide with a 200-plant capacity. He has plans for a greenhouse to potentially cultivate the plants and ready them for the field. Planting is done in early June with harvest being done in September/October. The flower of the plant will be processed by hang drying in the greenhouse or outsourced if needed.

After his presentation, Commissioners have some questions regarding product distribution (online mostly and business to business with dispensaries in CT and surrounding states), concentration of the hemp to be grown (3% THC or lower. Recreational marijuana content is 20-30% THC). Other questions include security measures (fencing, surveillance cameras), odor (pine and lemon) and whether the state regulates the number of grow sites (no). Mr. Magill is instructed on how to apply for the greenhouse which LUC Redmond will sign off on.

Chairwoman M. Rewenko states that the town has no action to be taken on this proposal, that it is the State of CT that permits, regulates and inspects as an agricultural use. Protection is up the owner of the property on preventing trespassing. Mr. Magill informs Commissioners that he will be registering his business with the Town Clerk.

5. **COMPLAINTS/ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.**

The complaint against Peter Hock, 797 Hill Road, is discussed. The office of Cramer & Anderson will be retained by the town as soon as the agreement is signed by the First Selectman and a Cease & Desist Order will be sent to Mr. Hock.

ZEO Troy LaMere informs Commissioners of a camper that was placed on vacant property off Scoville Hill Road that was being lived in for months by someone other than the property owner. The camper was finally removed by a towing company at the property owner's expense.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

7. **INVOICES.** None.

8. **ADJOURN.**

M. Szydlo **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by C. Kasey. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Polly Redmond, Land Use Coordinator

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