

Freedom Planning Board Minutes March 8, 2022

called to order at 7:10 pm.

1. Debriefed further about Daybreak Grower's Alliance
2. Prentice and Palmer debriefed over the Skidgel Lot and possible uses. About 17 people have used the survey posted on the Freedom town website.
3. February minutes were reviewed and accepted on Prentice's motion.
4. Prentice talked about the call he received from Troy Lebrowtiz re: leasing indoor space on his property on the Clark Rd. (no building at this point) for marijuana growing use. There is uncertainty around whether the kind of operation Troy proposes is allowed by our commercial review ordinance vs. our marijuana ordinance. Is Troy's proposal agricultural in nature? Probably not.
5. Four attendees reviewed Freedom's ordinance prohibiting retail marijuana establishments and marijuana social clubs. Concluded Troy's fact pattern conflicts with the current ordinance.

Upon closer inspection at the statutes cited in the Retail Marijuana ordinance -- 7 MRSA 2441 et. seq., Tyler volunteered to look into the fact that this statute -- and indeed the whole codified version of the Maine Marijuana Act -- seems to have been repealed in May 2018, after Freedom's 3/17/2018 Retail Ordinance was implemented. The Board is worried that Freedom's ordinance is now out of date as based on repealed Maine law.

6. Prentice talked about Frances Walker's Planning Board position. Speculation on if her seat will voluntarily become open soon.
7. Prentice talked about officer roles. Tyler expressed interest in taking over for Prentice if Prentice ever stepped down from the chairmanship. All present expressed confidence in Prentice's leadership. Attendees noted that Maryanne Bennett is vice chair. Prentice would touch base with non-attending members to gauge interest.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Next meeting is set for 4/5/2022 at 7 pm. Meeting slated to be in-person with a Zoom back-up option.

Submitted by Tyler Hadyniak