

Freedom Planning Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022

Present: Prentice Grassi, Palmer Pearson, Mary Ann Bennett, Peter Abello

Meeting started 7:04 pm via Zoom

Minutes from January meeting

Motion to approve – Mary Ann

2nd – Palmer

All in favor of approving January minutes

Skidgel Lot

Prentice reported on the work of the Community Development Action Committee (CDAC) who is working on the future of the Skidgel Lot – now being called the Cannery Lot. A survey will be going out to residents to get their input of what they want to see at this town-owned site. Survey is expected to be available this week. Meanwhile, the Daybreak Growers Alliance, a local food hub, as approached the town about utilizing the Cannery Lot as the site of their processing facility. Their proposal: 5000 sq.ft. building and would take up 1 – 2 acres of the lot. This has gained some traction with the Selectmen, but it is early and the focus right now is to gather input from Freedom residents.

Year End Report

Prior to the meeting, Prentice e-mailed a draft Planning Board Report for the Town Annual Report.

Motion to accept the report as written – Mary Ann

2nd – Palmer

All in favor? – Yes.

Troy Liebowitz Property, Bryant Road

Prentice reported that he received a call from Mr. Liebowitz who inquired about what ordinances would be applicable for his plan to construct a barn on his

property and rent it to a marijuana grower as an indoor growing space. Prentice referred him to the commercial review ordinance.

Discussion ensued. As a result, the following action items were agreed to:

- Mary Ann will check to see if the State of Maine has a model ordinance for towns related to marijuana growing operations.
- Mary Ann will check about whether this type of activity is considered agriculture – which would be covered under a different ordinance
- Prentice will reach out to Jackie Robbins, CEO, for any information regarding this topic

Adjourn

Mary Ann moved to adjourn meeting

Prentice 2nd

All in favor? – yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

Approved: March 8, 2022