

Buckland Planning Board  
Meeting  
June 7, 2017 7:00 p.m.  
Buckland Town Hall

MBIT 8/30/2018  
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**Agenda:**

1. Open the meeting.
2. Continue Recreational Marijuana By-Laws discussion.
3. Other topics not anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting.
4. Public Comment.
5. Adjourn the meeting.

**Attendees:**

See attached list.

**Meeting:**

1. Open the meeting - Meeting opened at 7:09 p.m. John Gould explained the bylaw process; how they are drafted, presented at public hearing for review/input, then finally voted upon to be approved by a two-thirds majority. He emphasized that was this to be a working, productive assembly of the planning board. Input from attendees other than board members would be welcome after the PB had made progress on their agenda. Eric Schwartz of Farm Bug Coop recorded the meeting.
2. Continue Recreational Marijuana By-Law Discussion -
  1. Peggy Sloan kicked off the discussion by asking for feed back from planning board members regarding size (square footage) of local retail establishments in setting guidelines for marijuana retail establishments. Discussion proceeded questioning various size limitations, how special permits and site plan review play into the process, using the existing use table for marijuana retail as well as other businesses, abutter concerns, resident concerns if not an abutter, comparing regulations for liquor stores vs marijuana retail. It was decided to use existing use table and add SPR.
  2. Marijuana Cultivation was addressed. John presented square footage of existing farm buildings on Buckland farms as a reference. After a brief discussion and public comment, Michael Hoberman explained that the PB is for the whole town, not marijuana cultivators. Andrea Donlon raised the question of whether Buckland should cap the size of buildings for the purpose of cultivation at the size of the largest current buildings. Discussion followed on size of buildings vs size of canopy.

Peggy Sloan stated that the building inspector measures square footage, not canopy, and that towns also deal with area. Clarissa asked if we should consider what size tier we can allow. Aesthetics is also an issue for cultivation in an effort to maintain Buckland's rural landscape. Re-use of existing structures is suggested if feasible, and new structures must be in keeping with the existing landscape and culture of the town.

3. Subjects to address next are indoor vs outdoor cultivation, and setbacks. Topic of setbacks was introduced with input from PB members and public. Varying opinions were expressed regarding 500' setback from schools; some agreed that it was necessary and appropriate, others felt it was excessive, especially given the size of Buckland and was therefore overly restrictive. Reasoning was presented for both.
4. It was decided that setbacks and outdoor vs indoor would be further addressed at the next meeting set for June 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m..
3. Other topics not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting - N/A.
4. Public Comment - N/A.
5. Adjourn the meeting - Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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