MID-MONTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:00 pm.

Members Present: R. Peburn, J. Burrano, P. Voorhees, R. Lenihan, J. Finch and Alternate, C. DaCunha

Absent: M. Lee, J. Seigel, Alternates- D. Febbraio and R. Linkletter

Also Present: Administrative Clerk, C. Branson, ZEO, R. Cooper

Audience & Invited: R. Gamper

CALL TO ORDER: R. Peburn Called the Meeting to Order at 7:07 pm.

REGULATION REVIEW: Discussion and possible action:

Chair R. Peburn opened the discussion regarding the following possible changes to the Zoning Regulations regarding Cannabis Establishments-as defined in the Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult – Use Cannabis Act; P.A. 21-1. The Commission agreed to bring the following proposed changes to the Zoning Regulations to a Public Hearing on January 6, 2022.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT ZONING REGULATIONS:

AMEND: SECTION 323. NUISANCES AND PROHIBITED USES

323.1 Prohibited Uses, General:
Any uses not listed as permitted by these Regulations are deemed to be prohibited.

323.2 Prohibited Uses, Specific:
Without limiting the general prohibition of Section 323.1 above, certain uses are identified in this Section for specific prohibition in any Zone, as principal or accessory uses, and no use category set forth in these Regulations shall be deemed to include any use set forth herein:

a. No person shall use, or permit the use of, real property for the purpose of accumulating junk, including motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts, debris, waste and second-hand material, in such quantity and in such a manner as to cause unsightly, offensive and repugnant appearance and/or odors which would tend to depreciate the value of neighboring property or to be inimical to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

DELETE:

b. Marijuana Dispensary Facility or Production Facility as defined in Section 21a-408-1 of the Regulations of State Agencies, as the same may be amended from time to time.

AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

ADD:

b. Cannabis Establishments-as defined in the Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult – Use Cannabis Act; P.A. 21-1.

DELETE:

SECTION 325: Temporary and limited moratoria from Medical Marijuana Producers and Dispensary Facilities: Purpose: The purpose of this moratorium is to provide relief from considering applications for Medical Marijuana Producers and Dispensary Facilities. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the “State of Connecticut Regulation of the Department of Consumer Protection concerning Palliative Use of Marijuana” and the associated application process for producers and dispensary facilities in order to draft and adopt Zoning Regulations regarding the production and distribution of medical marijuana within the Town of Sherman that are the result of a proper review process and planning regarding these new uses. Applicability: During this temporary and limited moratorium, no new application for a Medical Producer or Dispensary Facility shall be received or acted upon by the Commission for a period of one (1) year. Effective Date and Term: this temporary moratorium will be effective on May 16, 2014 and shall remain in effect until May 16, 2015. Revisions to the term of the moratorium may be made for good cause through a similar public hearing process as created this Section.
AMENDMENT to 325: Moratorium from Medical Marijuana Producers and Dispensary Facilities: At the Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on May 7, 2015 the Commission Approved a Six month Extension of the term of the existing Temporary and limited moratorium from Medical Marijuana Producers and Dispensary Facilities set to expire May 16th, 2015, extended to remain in effect until November 16, 2015.

AMEND: SECTION 610. DEFINITIONS:
ADD: Cannabis Establishment- means a producer, dispensary, facility, cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager or delivery service, all as defined in the Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult – Use Cannabis Act; P.A. 21-1.

ADJOURNMENT: R. Peburn Adjourned the Meeting at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christine Branson
November 23, 2021