

Planning Board

Town of Wales

10/13/2020 6:30 PM

Present: Lynn Greene (**Lynn G**), Danelle LaFlower (**Danelle L**), Jason Oney (**Jason O.**)

Absent Members: Laurie Hornacek (**Laurie H.**), Diane Piazza (**Diane P.**)

**Lynn G.** opened the hearing at 6:30 P.M. Please note the hearing was opened at 6:30 P.M. virtually as scheduled but did not start recording until 6:55 P.M. There was no person in attendance virtually or in person throughout the duration of the entire meeting and no discussion took place until the hearing was being recorded online.

**Sarah R.** reads Governor Baker's order "*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this hearing of the Wales Zoning Board is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Wales website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.*"

**\*\*Agenda Item:** Public Hearing for Proposed Marijuana Bylaw

The drafted marijuana bylaw was sent to town counsel; edits were made to the bylaw and updated on the website that same day. The board discusses these edits which included deleting definitions that were not within the text, waivers, number of establishments and square footage of retail establishments. The board also discusses an additional edit of changing the "dark skies" suggestion to a requirement that applicants must comply with. This change is made before town meeting the following night.

**\*\*Agenda Item:** Approve Minutes 9/21/20

The board discusses edits to the minutes of 9/21/20. **Jason O.** makes a motion to approve the minutes with edits; **Danelle L.** seconded that motion, all in favor.

The board discusses changing the slotted time for the upcoming hearing so the board isn't keeping the meeting open for several hours IF no abutters or guests are present. If abutters are present the hearing would be ongoing as need be.

**Jason O.** makes a motion to close the public hearing; **Danelle L.** seconded the motion, all in favor. Hearing adjourned at 7:30 P.M.