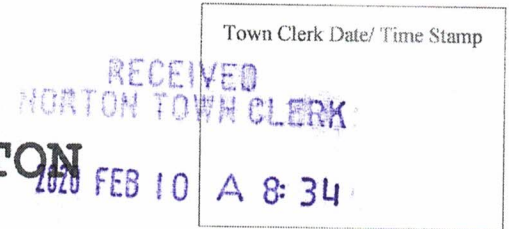




MINUTES

TOWN OF NORTON



Board / Committee: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Date: October 30th, 2019 Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Location: 70 East Main Street, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Norton, MA

Members & Staff Present: R. Deley (chair), D. Luciano (Vchair), A. Kolodziejczyk (clerk), L. Parker, M. Toole

Members Not Present: M. Flaherty

The meeting was called to order at 6:52pm and adjourned at 9:10pm.

Minutes from the N/A meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Discussed a new business interest: R. Deley introduced Jack Cutler who is interesting in establishing a marijuana "grow facility" (prospective property includes 37-acre lot, zoned for apartments, R80 zones district). Wants to create a Bed & Breakfast with a "marijuana growing farm" outside that incorporates the idea of "farm to table" service focused on sustainability & lifestyle. M. Toole raised concerns about security and asked how it would be addressed. R. Deley discussed the future of the business and whether there will be additional services. J. Cutler suggested potential growth for a vegetable and herbs garden but needs to verify regulations with the Cannabis Control Commission.

Committee discussed Commerce Survey created by M. Toole. The survey includes questions related to demographics to determine the identity of the town population. The survey is intended to showcase public knowledge and to identify what the public wants in terms of new shops. D. Luciano and R. Deley both agreed that the questions should be more specific and debated whether the survey has too many questions.

Committee voted to approve Remote Participation at meetings and was signed into effect by all present committee members. There are implemented rules to include notifying the chairwoman if an individual will be utilizing remote participation, every member must be able to hear the person on the phone, and if utilizing video conferencing – everyone must see the attendees.

Motion to approve Remote Participation: Michael Toole; Seconded by Laura Parker; Passed Unanimously

Discussed additional business interest: Solar Therapeutics, a premier Massachusetts Cannabis Dispensary powered by solar technology is interested establishing a location in town but ran into zoning issues (considering Rte. 123 or Rte. 140). The Committee has requested their attendance at a future Industrial Development Commission meeting.

Lastly, the Committee discussed the progress on the Business Guide. L. Parker, R. Deley, and A. Kolodziejczyk agreed that the guide should include the link to the GIS Page, key facts of the town, a link to an online permit system. In addition, the Guide must be fact checked in terms of appropriate contact information to include key phone numbers.

Next meeting scheduled December 4th, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourned by M. Toole. Seconded by L. Parker. Vote: Unanimous

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Anthony Kolodziejczyk

Minutes approved by the Board or Committee on: 1/29/20

Chairman Signature: Ron L. B.