TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
MAY 2, 2014
1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:48 PM

Public Hearing Minutes
Regarding the Proposed Amendment to Sheffield Bylaws regarding a Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana Dispensary.

Board Members Present:	David A. Smith Sr., Chairman James T. Collingwood Jr. Maria Nation Christopher Tomich
Others Present:	David Smith Jr., Selectman Rene Wood, Selectman Members of the public

M. Nation, Secretary of the Planning Board read the notice of the Public Hearing and the Proposed Bylaw published in the *Berkshire Record* on April 18th and April 25th, 2014.

Chairman Smith explained that the procedure for the hearing will be the same as for the previous hearing.

Rene Wood as a private citizen, made written and oral comments on Town Counsel's legal review of the draft RMD zoning by-law submitted by the Planning Board.

J. Collingwood asked Rene Wood how they would measure the 500 feet. Ms. Wood answered that it does not go from property line to property line, it refers physically to 500 feet.

C. Tomich asked how much of the overlay will be buildable. Ms. Wood said the town does not have to guarantee land, simply guarantee there is the possibility of land.

C. Tomich and M. Nation noted that the proposed bylaw is very well written and complemented Rene Wood on her effort. M. Nation said that she doesn't feel she knows how to evaluate the bylaw because it addresses a business that she knows nothing about. Ms. Wood suggested that this is a bylaw addressing a business as any other business. She noted that all applicants for marijuana dispensaries in Berkshire County have been turned down by the State Department of Public Health. She suggested that more information could be obtained by speaking to the applicants or the State.

Martin Mitsoff noted that this proposed bylaw is completely congruent with State law and regulations.

J. Collingwood made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by C. Tomich. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:23 PM the Public Hearing was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Planning Board