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Public Hearing

**Special Permit Application of Berkshire Mountain Distillers
to construct a Warehouse**

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL – 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Planning Board Members Present:

Anthony Gulotta, Acting Chair
George Oleen, Alternate
David Smith Sr.
Marie Massini-Reynolds

Planning Board Members Absent: Daniel Watson

Planning Board Members Recused: James Collingwood Jr.

Members of the Public present:

Chris Weld
David Smith Jr.
Chris Martin
Morven Allen
Stephen Leining
Gail Mullen
Tracy Stoddard
Dominic Lydon
Susan Rothschild, Sheffield Land Trust representative
Robin Norris

At 7:00, Acting Chair, A. Gulotta, opened the Public Hearing on the Special Permit Application of Berkshire Mountain Distillers. He stated that notice was published, pursuant to chapter 40A Section 5 of MA General Laws, in the Berkshire Record on March 4th and March 11th. M. Massini-Reynolds read the published notice.

Chris Weld summarized his project; he described planned and recent hires. He said that he is appreciative of what the Town, County and State has done for his business. He went on to say that the business is able to start giving back. He named organizations that his business has supported with contributions. Mr. Weld described his clientele who come from out of state. He gave an example of the development of the business, describing putting in 40 grape vines today. He said the business is starting to look good and said that this proposed warehouse will be

necessary for growth.

Acting Chair A. Gulotta asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the permit. No one responded. The Chair then asked if anyone would like to speak against application.

Chris Martin asked about enforcement of the original Special Permit conditions. Members of the Board explained that that was the responsibility of the Building Inspector and had nothing to do with the Special Permit Application at hand.

The Acting Chair asked if Board Members would like to speak.

M. Massini-Reynolds asked what this permit is for, since a Special Permit was already granted for this business. The Acting Chair explained that the original Special Permit required Berkshire Mountain Distillers to return to the Planning Board for specific approval of the proposed warehouse when they got to that point.

The Board briefly discussed whether they should deliberate tonight or continue the hearing. ***D. Smith Sr. made a motion to continue the hearing until May 4th at 7pm, George Oleen seconded his motion and it was unanimously approved.***

The Public Hearing was continued at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board