Hardwick Planning Board

Municipal Offices

307 Main Street Approved 5/22/18

Gilbertville, MA 01031

Planning Board Room

April 24, 2018

6:30PM

Members present: Erik Vollheim, Joe Elliott, Harry Comerford, Dane Stolgitis, and Erik Fleming

Present: Lucinda Childs (PB clerk), Elizabeth Wood (CMRPC) and Dave Mazeika (BOH)

Chairman Fleming introduced Elizabeth Wood from Central Mass Regional Planning Commission and noted that he had met with Ms. Wood as well as Janet Peirce, Trish Settles and Ron Barry of CMRPC last Thursday regarding the composition of the Hardwick Marijuana Bylaw. Ms. Wood distributed to the assembled copies of a draft bylaw for Hardwick that was a combination of bylaws from Groton and Easthampton. She mentioned that in the absence of a Marijuana bylaw in Hardwick, default regulation would be the Massachusetts general law. Further discussion included that enforcement of bylaw would be the Zoning Enforcement Officer – the Building Inspectors- and/or the Hardwick Board of Health, which would have to be spelled out in the ordinance. A Site Plan Review would be required by the Planning Board and the SP would require the applicant to do some Community Outreach per the Mass. Law before the SP Public Hearing.

6:45PM Public Hearing Nanette Prideaux – Kennel Permit

7:10PM Public Hearing continued to June 12, 2018 at 6:45PM

Board and company reviewed and edited the draft bylaws. Further discussion included: concerning security issues, if a business fails, the products are to be secured within thirty days; after the issuance of a permit, if construction is not started within one year, the permit will lapse (ref HZB 4.1.8 – special permit regs); limit on storage building size to 5,000 s.f. (10,000 s.f.?) and what does temporary storage mean (Elizabeth will inquire, ref GL935 sec 1.10); question regarding outdoor cultivation of hemp that is licensed by Dept. of Agriculture, is it exempt from agricultural exemption (Erik F. will investigate, ref Ag definition GL 128 sec 16); Special permit should go with property rather than applicant.

Motion made to accept minutes of April 10, 2018 minutes from Dane Stolgitis, seconded by Eric Vollheim. All in favor.

Joe Elliott moved to accept the creation of Section 10. Marijuana Establishments as amended on April 24, 2018, seconded by Harry Comerford. All in favor.

Dave Mazeika, representing the Board of Health, said that the Board of Health supports marijuana businesses coming into the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM by motion from Eric Vollheim, seconded Joe Elliott. All in favor.