

Plainfield Massachusetts
Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes for
July 16, 2020, meeting
Approved Aug. 20, 2020

Members Present: Peg Keller, Chair, William Latimer, and Joan Wattman. This meeting was held virtually, due to the coronavirus.

Call to Order:

Chair Keller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the presence of a quorum.

Minutes from the June 18, 2020, meeting were approved as submitted.

Permit Granting Authority / Ongoing Monitoring Responsibility

Chair Keller had received and sent on to the members, the opinion rendered by Town Counsel, David Doneski of Kopleman and Page, as requested by Selectboard Chair Howard Bronstein. The issue at hand related to the Town Meeting Approval in May of 2019 that transferred special permit granting authority from the Zoning Board to the Planning Board, which the Zoning Board agreed with, and what that action meant for following up on conditions in previously approved special permits that are ongoing. This issue particularly references the marijuana cultivation facility located at 27 Broom Street. Peg had asked the applicants for an update on their activity, to ensure that the Town's monitoring responsibility did not fall by the wayside while we were waiting for this opinion. As it turned out, the opinion was that the Planning Board now has all responsibility for monitoring the conditions articulated in the Special Permit and Site Plan Approval for this project.

As such, the Zoning Board members agreed to cease any further action on this project, effective immediately, in order to comply with this directive. Chair Keller agreed to be in touch with the Planning Board Chair to establish a joint meeting, during which this work will be transferred, and the Planning Board made aware of the on-going responsibilities.

Adjourn

With there being no additional business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Keller Chair

