

Planning Commission Meeting
126 Church St
Putnam, CT 06260
July 26, 2021 6:00 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Agenda:

Regular Meeting:

Review minutes of the June 28, 2021 meeting. VOTE REQUIRED

Correspondence:

Public Participation:

New Business: POSSIBLE VOTE REQUIRED

Recommendation from the Planning Commission in accordance with the State of Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 124 Section 8-3a for a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Regulations, Section 304 to place a Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishment for a period of one year.

Other Business:

Adjournment.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Putnam Middle School Auditorium
35 Wicker Street, Putnam CT

An invitation was extended to the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Commission and Economic Development Commission members.

Present: Edward Briere-Chairman, Patricia Gilman, Warren Salvas

Absent: Robert Greene

Agenda:

Regular Meeting:

An informational session on possible uses for the Town Hall property at 126 Church Street and the Putnam Public Library property at 225 Kennedy Drive.

Town Administrator Elaine Sistare updated the Commission on the status of the properties that are for sale. Discussion was generated regarding the Special Permit process if it were to pertain to an interested buyer.

An informational session on State of CT Bill 1201 an act concerning responsible and equitable regulation of adult-use Cannabis.

Attorney Richard Roberts review the new Bill with the Commission as it will be effective on July 1, 2021.

He explained the options pertaining to regulations. It could be prohibited by Zoning, a moratorium placed for 6 months whereas the Commission would not accept any applications regarding the sale of cannabis. The Commission would then be given the opportunity to work on regulations and to see where they stand on the issue.

Link to an OLR Bill Analysis for SB 1201

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/BA/PDF/2021SB-01201-R02SS1-BA.PDF>

Review minutes of the April 26, 2021, meeting.

Motion by Patricia Gilman to accept the minutes, second by Warren Salvas. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Correspondence Received:

Letter of notification regarding the placement of solar panels in the Town of Pomfret in accordance with the Connecticut State Statutes.

Public Participation: No additional

New Business:

Plan of Conservation and Development- Mid Term Review

Bruce Fitzback had prepared a packet of information regarding the accomplishments for the 5-year review of the P.O.C.D. Bruce Fitzback had supplied the Commission with a memorandum to be signed by the Chairman.

Motion by Patricia Gilman to accept the list of accomplishments, second by Warren Salvas. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Motion by Patricia Gilman to adjourn at 6:50 P.M., second by Warren Salvas. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Roy.

Please note these minutes have not been accepted by the Commission and will be placed on their next meeting agenda.



TOWN OF PUTNAM
ZONING COMMISSION

Check One:

Docket #

2021-07

- Application for Special Permit of Exception
- Application for Amendment to Regulations
- Application for Zone Change
- Other

Date:

July 22, 2021

Fee:

N/A

Amount

Check #

Name of Applicant: Town of Putnam Zoning Commission

Address & Telephone Number: 126 Church Street Putnam, CT 860-963-6800

Owner of Land: N/A

Address & Telephone Number: N/A

Location of Property: N/A

Zone: N/A

Assessor's Map Number: N/A

Lot # N/A

State nature of your request in detail including the section of the regulations that affect you. Also please attach a sketch of your proposal with this application. If this application is for a Zone Change, attach a list of the abutters that are within 500 feet of the property.

Proposed Text Amendment to Section 304 of the Town of Putnam Zoning Regulations
Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments-See Attached

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION NO LESS THAN (3) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE

I hereby certify that all of the information provided is accurate and complete.

Zoning Commission
Signature of Applicant

July 22, 2021
Date

Date Accepted: _____
Date Rejected: _____

Proposed Amendment to Section 304 of the Putnam Zoning Regulations

Addition of the following immediately preceding the chart of permitted uses:

A. Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments

1. **Statement of Purpose.** This section has been adopted to provide the Commission with the time necessary to consider adoption of potential changes to the Zoning Regulations pursuant to Section 8-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Connecticut General Assembly has passed, and the Governor has signed S.B. 1201, An Act Concerning *Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis (the "Act")*, portions of which are effective on July 1, 2021. Said Act contains provisions allowing municipalities to prohibit or place certain restrictions on cannabis establishments with the exception of existing dispensary facilities and producers for medical marijuana as defined in Chapter 420f, C.G.S., *Palliative Use of Marijuana* – legislation passed in 2012 authorizing the use of medical marijuana. This temporary and limited term moratorium has been adopted to provide the Town with the time necessary to develop regulations for cannabis establishments that meet statutory responsibilities and promote the public's general health, safety and welfare.

2. Definitions.

- a. *Cannabis.* Marijuana as defined in Section 21a-240, C.G.S.
- b. *Cannabis Establishment.* Producer, dispensary facility, cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager and or delivery service.
- c. *Cultivator.* A person that is licensed to engage in the cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an establishment with not less than fifteen thousand square feet of grow space.
- d. *Delivery Service.* A person that is licensed to deliver cannabis from (A) micro-cultivators, retailers and hybrid retailers to consumers and research program subjects, and (B) hybrid retailers and dispensary facilities to qualifying patients, caregivers and research program subjects, as defined in Section 21a-408, C.G.S., or to hospices or other inpatient care facilities licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to Chapter 368v, C.G.S. that have a protocol for the handling and distribution of cannabis that has been approved by the department, or a combination thereof.
- e. *Dispensary Facility.* Means a place of business where cannabis may be dispensed, sold or distributed in accordance with Chapter 420f, C.G.S. and any regulations adopted thereunder, to qualifying patients and caregivers, and to which the department has issued a dispensary facility license under Chapter 420f, C.G.S. and any regulations adopted thereunder.

- f. *Food and Beverage Manufacturer.* A person that is licensed to own and operate a place of business that acquires cannabis and creates food and beverages.
- g. *Hybrid Retailer.* A person that is licensed to purchase cannabis and sell cannabis and medical marijuana products.
- h. *Micro-cultivator.* A person licensed to engage in the cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an establishment containing not less than two thousand square feet and not more than ten thousand square feet of grow space, prior to any expansion authorized by the commissioner.
- i. *Person.* An individual, partnership, limited liability company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate, receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or any other legal entity and any other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination thereof.
- j. *Product Manufacturer.* A person, excluding a producer, that is licensed to obtain cannabis, extract and manufacture products exclusive to such license type and who may sell or transfer cannabis and cannabis products to laboratories, research programs and cannabis establishments.
- k. *Product Packager.* A person that is licensed to package and label cannabis and cannabis products.
- l. *Retailer.* A person, excluding a dispensary facility that is licensed to purchase cannabis and cannabis products from producers, cultivators, product manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers and to sell cannabis and cannabis products to consumers and research programs.
- m. *Transporter.* Means a person licensed to transport cannabis between cannabis establishments, laboratories and research programs.

- 3. **Applicability.** During this temporary and limited-term moratorium, cannabis establishments shall be prohibited in the Town of Putnam, and any and all applications submitted for the approval of any cannabis establishment shall be denied by the Zoning Commission or Zoning Enforcement Officer, as may be appropriate.
- 4. **Effective Date/Term.** This temporary and limited moratorium shall become effective on _____, 2021 and shall remain in effect until _____, 2022.