

Meeting Minutes, Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Whately, MA
March 3, 2022
Remote Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Roger Lipton, Bob Smith, Debra Carney, Fred Orloski
Members Absent: Kristin Vevon

Attending:

Hannah Davis (Whately staff), Mike and Gretchen Bechta, Beth Lukin, Julie Beauchemin, Tom Reidy

At 6:40 Roger opened the meeting.
The secretary read the legal notice.

Public Hearing:

Special Permit Application for Reconstruction of Greenhouse at 149 Christian Ln

On January 6, 2022 Greenjeans Farms, LLC was granted a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals of Whately to cultivate marijuana in greenhouses on premises located in the AR/1 and AR/2 zones at Long Plain Farm, 149 Christian Ln. and owned by Scott and Wayne M. Hutkoski.

On February 14, 2022 Greenjeans Farms, LLC applied for a Special Permit to allow additional time to reconstruct the damaged greenhouse which was approved for Indoor cultivation of marijuana as part of the January 6, 2022 decision. Julie Beauchemin explained that according to bylaw section 171.12.D., a two-year deadline exists by which the destroyed greenhouse they need to repair must be finished – that is, by March 29, 2022. She said they needed more time to complete the reconstruction. Contractors who might do the work are currently booked until three or four weeks out, she said. She noted that the building inspector said the reconstruction requires his review, as well. She said they have the landscaping plan that the Planning Board wants, and are scheduled to meet with the Planning Board on March 15. Ms. Beauchemin told the board that Greenjeans Farms is asking for an extension through the end of 2022.

Roger asked for comments from abutters, and Debra reminded attendees that they can comment via “chat” as well. There was no response, despite the presence of two abutters. Roger noted that nothing is changing – whether the deadline is March 29 or December 29, and moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing.

Roger then moved to extend the deadline for greenhouse reconstruction until December 31, 2022, and the motion was seconded. Roger, Debra, and Bob each voted Yes, and the motion carried unanimously. Bob will resume picking up the mail. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Mary McCarthy
Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals
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