

**EGREMONT PLANNING BOARD**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**MINUTES: TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RETAIL MARIJUANA SALES**

**APRIL 5, 2017 7:00 PM**

The Hearing opened at 7:08 PM in the Egremont Town Hall Meeting Room.

Present: Don Pulfer, Helen Krancer, and Mark Holmes.

Also: Terry Cowgill of the Berkshire Edge online newspaper.

The clerk read the Notice of the Public Hearing.

Krancer asked Terry Cowgill if he had any questions about the moratorium proposed by the Planning Board. Cowgill asked how the moratorium came to be proposed by the Planning Board in the first place. Don Pulfer explained that he and Helen Krancer had attended a seminar about the new recreational marijuana law, held in Lenox earlier in the year, which gave the attendees information about how to adapt to the new law, and where a moratorium was recommended. Krancer also said that the towns needed to know what the state law concerning recreational marijuana use explicitly said, and how it would affect the town.

She also pointed out that the Planning Board had proposed a moratorium on medical marijuana shortly after that law was enacted in 2013. The towns cannot "zone-out" any recreational marijuana retail establishment, but the planning board can propose restrictions on where and when and under what circumstances marijuana can be retailed. Cowgill asked if there had been any pressure from Egremont residents to enact a moratorium, but Krancer answered no, that the impetus had come from the information gleaned by the board members who had attended the seminar.

The Hearing was closed at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Holmes, Egremont Planning Board Clerk