

Town of Cornish  
**PLANNING BOARD**

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**Monday, May 16, 2016**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES (Approved 6/6/16)**

**In Attendance:** John Morrissey, Ken Hall, Bill Hoxie, Mat Cama, Jessica Larson

**Absent:** Norm Harding

**Guests:** Wes Sunderland, CEO; Diann W. Perkins

**Call Meeting to Order:** 6:31 PM by John Morrissey

**New Business:**

1. Update: Medical Marijuana Committee
  - a. Social Clubs
    - i. John, Bill, and Jessie attended recent meeting of the MMOC to learn more about the inner workings of the committee. A detail that we were not aware of came up; the LUO must be consistent throughout. If a 500-foot distance is used as a buffer zone in determining land use in one zone, it cannot be 1000 feet in another zone.
    - ii. Social Clubs (clubs that have bylaws, dues, etc., like the Masons, Odd Fellows, and Elks) were discussed and, since medical marijuana is a medicine, it is recommended that the Ordinance should be examined and updated, if necessary.
    - iii. The Board should determine if the LUO needs to be updated with regard to definitions of "Clubs".
    - iv. The Board has the responsibility to move Cornish in the direction that best serves the citizens.
    - v. The use of medical marijuana is distinctly different from that of recreational marijuana and if it becomes legal in the future, it will require a separate ordinance.
    - vi. Cornish cannot deny a dispensary facility, but can control where it is located.
  - b. John Morrissey brought up the topic of the impact of "blights" on property owners who are trying to sell their homes, but are affected by neighbors whose property is in a state of disrepair.
  - c. Mat Cama reported that Shahong Jiang will meet with the selectmen and CEO at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 18, and invited Planning Board members to attend. Bill Hoxie will attend.
2. Approve the minutes of the May 2, Business Meeting.
  - a. Jessica Larson: Motion to approve as presented; Ken Hall: seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Communications Received/Sent:** None

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Business Meeting – Monday, June 6, 2016 @ 6:30 PM.**

1. Approve Minutes of the May 16, 2016 Workshop Meeting.
2. Other:

**Adjourn:** PM

Respectfully Submitted:

*W Hoxie*

William Hoxie, Planning Board Secretary