

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.

TOWN HALL, ROOM 301

1. ATTENDANCE

At 5:00 p.m., L. Blake Baldwin, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Kennebunk, called to order the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Present were Selectmen L. Blake Baldwin, Christopher Cluff, Wayne Berry, Edward Karytko, Shiloh Schulte, William Ward, Jr. and Frank Paul.

Also present were Town Manager Michael Pardue, Finance Director Joel Downs, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Demers, and Town Attorney Natalie Burns.

2. TO DISCUSS WITH THE TOWN ATTORNEY THE LAWS AND ORDINANCES RELATED TO RECOVERY RESIDENCES.

Attorney Burns discussed a memo she provided the Board. The memo, entitled "Regulation of Sober Homes" dated 9/17/19, was reviewed in detail, to include sections on the Regulation of Sober Homes, Definition of Family, Code Requirements and Disorderly House Regulations.

Attorney Burns spoke in detail on the sections entitled Cod Requirements and Disorderly House Regulation.

Attorney Burns responded to questions posed by various Board members. Board members, in some instances, offered their opinion on the topic.

Attorney Burns spoke about "certified" and "non-certified" facilities.

Board members discussed, among themselves, the codes that may apply to facilities of this nature and the position of the Town as it relates to helping people in need.

Dr. Meredith Norris spoke from her position as a care provider for those in recovery from substance abuse disorder.

John Costin spoke, inquiring about the basis for this meeting. He asked for people to cite "in plain English" what their concern is as it relates to a Sober House.

Lionel Menard spoke, saying he is in attendance tonight to gather more information on this topic and how B&B's (Bed and Breakfast establishments) can be regulated more stringently than a Recovery Residence.

Peter Brewitt spoke. He referenced having had his vehicles entered and items stolen. He spoke of seeing strangers in the area. He feels it is important for the Town to insure residents of the Town are protected and protect people that need services such as these "Sober Homes."

Mike Davies spoke. He asked if there are any ordinances being considered. Board Chair Baldwin said Board members are gathering information at this time and will consider possible next steps. Mr. Davies inquired about septic system requirements and parking requirements. Code Enforcement Officer Paul Demers responded with details.

Mr. Davies asked if the proposed site is a "good location." Attorney Burns said she has not heard of an exclusion for locating near a school, restaurant, etc.

Pardue summarized, at the request of Chair Baldwin, the envisioned next steps as related to the process of Recovery Residences.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 6:16 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: Ward

SECONDED: Karytko

VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.



L. Blake Baldwin, Chairman
Kennebunk Board of Selectmen

Date: 9/24/19