Whitehall Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2019

Present

Also Present
Zoning Administrator S. Huebler, City Attorney R. Sweeting

Absent

Call to Order
Chair Bedau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda
Motion by Mahoney, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes.

Election of Officers
Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Armstrong, CARRIED, to re-elect Bedau as Chair and Mahoney as Vice Chair. All ayes.

Minutes
Motion by Hillebrand, supported by Bowyer CARRIED, to approve the November 2018 minutes as submitted. All ayes.

Communications
The City received a Notice of Master Plan Update from the City of Montague. Cabala introduced herself as the newest member to the Commission.

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

New Business
A. Weesies Lot Split Request

Motion by Mahoney, seconded by Armstrong, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 19-01 granting the lot split request as submitted. Roll Call Vote – All ayes.
B. Recreational Marijuana

Attorney Sweeting presented information regarding the Commissions role in establishing zoning regulations should the City decide to allow recreational marijuana retail shops. The Commission would focus on the time, place, and manner of retail establishments. If they are allowed in the City, medical marijuana establishments should be reconsidered. There is no time limit on action by the Commission. It would be best to do something sooner than later while the prohibition is in effect and before the year deadline expires with the State Licensing and Regulation Administration. An ordinance template will be provided to allow the Commissioners the option of making decisions by filling in the blanks.

Huebler noted that next month the Commission will have the results of a survey and allow an opportunity for expanded public comment on this issue.

Adjournment
Motion by Armstrong, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. All ayes.