

Maynard Planning Board Meeting
July 9, 2019 - 7 p.m.
195 Main Street, Room 101

Board Members Present: Bill Cranshaw – Acting Chair, Jim Coleman, Chris Arsenault, Mike Uttley – Acting Member

Others Present: Bill Nemser – Town Planner

Called to Order at 7:03 p.m. by Bill Cranshaw

Town Planner Update

Bill Nemser stated that, prior to the meeting, he had sent the Planning Board members a memo regarding amending the Industrial (I) Zone District to allow for-profit schools by right. He is asking the Planning Board to sponsor the amendment for the Board of Selectmen to send back to the Planning Board for future public hearings and consideration.

Bill Cranshaw suggested including the Health Care Industrial (HCI) Zone in the amendment proposal as well but wants to make sure that for-profit schools are not allowed in residential areas.

The Board agreed that both HCI and I should be included in the proposed amendment but not the Business or Central Business Districts. The Board also agreed that the details of the amendment could and would be discussed during the future hearings and did not need to be covered in the current meeting. The amendment will be proposed as a separate line in the zoning by-laws rather than an edit of existing verbiage. The proposal will be for a by-right use, but the Board agreed that future discussions might include changing the amendment proposal to special permit only.

Jim Coleman made a motion to present the proposed amendment allowing for-profit schools in the Industrial and Health Care Industrial districts as an Article to the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Chris Arsenault.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

A resident in attendance asked for clarification of the Beijing Royal School and whether it is considered a charter school. Bill Nemser explained that it is a private, for-profit school that already exists in China and that Maynard would be the location of a new campus for the school. Bill stated that it is not a charter school and, therefore, would not divert funds from the Maynard Public Schools.

Jim Coleman made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Chris Arsenault.

Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.