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**HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES/MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY BYLAW
Wednesday, March 26, 2014
Town House**

Approved 4/9/14

Mr. Matthews opened the Public Hearing at 7 PM and alerted the audience that the Public Hearing is being recorded by the HCC Buffer Committee Representative.

The Public Hearing was scheduled to adopt a bylaw to work in consort with the regulations adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 725.000: Implementation of an Act for the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana).

Members Present: John Matthews, Joseph Dolben, Judge Robert Howarth and Richard Green.

Introduction of Board Members: Mr. Matthews introduced the Planning Board members.

Statement of Authority: Mr. Matthews read the Statement of Authority.

Legal Notice: The Legal Notice was read by Mr. Matthews.

Reports from Other Agencies: No reports received.

Applicant's Presentation/Board Questions: John Matthews and the Board Members explained to the audience the reasons for adopting this bylaw. The Board also explained this use would only be allowed within the Limited Industrial District and requires a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board.

Audience Questions/Comments: Audience members questioned where the Limited Industrial District is in the town. Board members indicated the only areas zoned Limited Industrial are land on Mill Road and a small strip of land on Main Street.

Decision: Mr. Dolben made a motion to approve the wording as discussed and be advanced to the Advisory Board to be included in the Warrant Articles for Town Meeting. Judge Howarth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0) to approve the wording and submission of this bylaw for Town Meeting.

Rick Green made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM. Judge Howarth seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Joanne Fiore, Adm. Assistant