

Town of Lenox  
Zoning Board of Appeals

May 20, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Robert Fuster, Jr (RF), Shawn Leary Considine (CLS), Albert Harper (AH), Clifford Snyder (CS)

Staff Present: Gwen Miller (GM)

GM explained to the board they had a number of hearings pending hearings or continuation of their hearings. These include:

- Blantyre
- 55 Pittsfield Road Marijuana Establishment (retail)
- 462 Pittsfield Road, new sign for the Yankee Inn
- Stonover, to increase their number of events they may hold in 2021
- Cooney, Short-Term Rental Special Permit
- Kemble Street Short-Term Rental Special Permit
- Variance for pre-existing non-conforming property on Willow Creek Road

AH states he thinks smaller petitions could be handled via teleconference, but that larger hearings should be in person.

SLC states that this is such an out of the ordinary situation, if there are simple issues that aren't controversial we should do it by teleconference so as to avoid a backlog of petitions.

Chet Vogel, an abutter from Colbrooke East said he hoped they would still have a site visit and an in person hearing for Blantyre's request.

CS said he had concerns about using Zoom for any hearing and would like to not do any Zoom hearings.

SLC moves to do some hearings virtually, AH seconds.

Andy Hochberg, representing the petitioners for the marijuana establishment at 55 Pittsfield Road would not want to do via Zoom to prevent appeal threat.

RF, Blantyre and Marijuana retail dispensary should be on their own evenings when they can be re-scheduled for an in-person hearing.

The Board voted, all in favor, to hold larger or controversial hearings in-person at a later time. They agreed to let RF and GM to decide which ones can be via Zoom.

The meeting concluded.