



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**
May 13, 2026 – 7:00 PM
City Hall, City Council Chambers, Room 202

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Howard.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Paul Howard; Members Mike Morales, Bill Evans, April DerBoghosian, Freddy Perez. Bobby Brown, Nate Robertson, Ismael Matías, Freddy Perez and Bobby Brown. Also present were Planning Director Jacki Byerley and Head Clerk Melanie Sloan.

Conduct of Hearing:

The Board read the standard conduct of hearing procedures into the record.

Public Hearing:

Marijuana Social Consumption Establishments Ordinance -

Chairman Howard opened the public hearing to Stem LLC of 124 Washington Street a request to amend the City's Ordinances to allow for the licensing and operation of Marijuana Social Consumption Establishments, the draft ordinance includes purposes and authority, definitions, opt-in and licensing, operational requirements, health and safety standards, zoning and location and signage. Complete text of the proposed ordinance can be obtained in the City Clerk's office. Attorney Paul Magliocchetti representing Stem stood up and introduced himself to the Board. He asked for a continuance as they had got an opinion letter from the city solicitor. Then we got a second letter and would like to iron out some issues.

The planning director recommended that because our June meeting is in 2 weeks she suggested to the board to have it on the July 8th Meeting.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Member Evans, seconded by Member Brown, the Board voted to continue until our July 8th meeting.

Approval of Minutes: for May 13, 2026

On a motion by Member Robertson, seconded by Member DerBoghosian, the Board voted to approve the March 11, 2026, meeting minutes. Vote: (7-0) Nate Robertson Abstain. He was absent.

Chairman Howard called the next hearing for 88 - 92 Merrimack Street - L'Arche Boston North has requested to modify the permit issued on November 12, 2025, to reduce the number of units from 11 to 10 in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance Section 9.5.15.

Attorney Harb representing L'Arche Boston North stood up and introduced himself and Lynett Lagray, L'Arche director and Tayna Hartford consultant for the project. To accommodate their funding they had to make a couple of minor changes to the plan. They are reducing the number of units from 11 to 10. The units must be ADA accessible. They converted 1 room into a laundry storage unit and medical room in case they needed to get medicine. The bathrooms were increased in size to accommodate for ADA. 2 units were combined for staff.

The Planning Director recommended that the Planning Board approve the modification requested from 11 units to 10 units. It does make sense to have a laundry room and a medical facility

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Member Morales. Seconded by Member Brown, the board voted to approve the plan with minor changes. Vote: (8-0)

Escrows: None

Any other matter: None

Adjournment:

On a motion by Member Robertson seconded by Member Evans, the Board voted to adjourn. Vote: (8-0)

The meeting was adjourned.