



Haverhill

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CITY OF HAVERHILL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 27, 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 DerBoghossian, Freddy Perez, Bobby Brown, Nate Robertson, and Ismael Matías. 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 with a request to amend the City's ordinances to allow for the licensing and operation of Marijuana Social Consumption Establishments. The drafted 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. Stem representative Attorney Paul Magliocchetti asked for a continuance as they received an opinion letter from the city solicitor and a second letter. He states they would like to iron out some issues. Planning Director Jacki Byerley recommended that because the June meeting is in 2 weeks they should continue the hearing to 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 the July 8th meeting.

88 - 92 Merrimack Street - L'Arche Boston North

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 introduced himself, 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. The bathrooms were increased in size to accommodate to meet the ADA standards. 2 units were combined for staff.

Planning Director Byerley recommended that the Planning Board approve the modification requested from 11 to 10 units as it does make sense to have a laundry room and 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)

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Member Robertson, seconded by Member DerBoghossian, the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes for May 13, 2026. 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.