**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JANUARY 8, 2013**

The Planning & Zoning Commission of Zeeland Charter Township met in joint session with the Township Board of Trustees in the township hall on January 8, 2013 at 7pm. Those attending: Bruce Knoper, Al Myaard, Tim Miedema, Dick Geerlings, Bob Brower, Karen Kreuze, Dennis Russcher, Don Steenwyk, Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Evink, Treasurer Myaard, and Trustees Zylstra, Oonk, Brink, & Barkel; absent: Mike Riemersma. Also attending: Attorney Ron Bultje and Zoning Administrator Don Mannes.

Chairman Knoper called the meeting to order. Moved by Brower, supported by Miedema to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting.

Discussion was held concerning how to proceed with the adoption of an ordinance pertaining to the distribution, licensing, and/or cultivation of medical marijuana.

Attorney Bultje reported on what other units of government have done.
 Some have agreed to allow only what the State of Michigan allows.
 Some have added it as an accessory use in a zoning district.
 Some are not doing anything, but have decided not to spend taxpayer’s money on preparing or defending an ordinance.
 Others have required the licensing of the caregiver or the licensing of the location of the cultivation of the marijuana plant.

No decisions made.

Moved, supported and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Vivian Zwyghuizen, Recording Secretary
Karen Kreuze, Secretary