

**Adult-Use Cannabis Committee
Minutes of March 27, 2019 Meeting
6:00 PM at Town Hall**

Attending: Brigham Pendleton, Hughes Pope, Dana Lee (staff) and Ian Shaw and Steven Gagnon.

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:15 PM, as one member was a little late.

- 1) Roll Call: The Chair opened the meeting and declared all members present.
- 2) Public Comment: Ian and Steven were invited to sit at the table and discuss their views on Cannabis regulations. They discussed home delivery; eliminates one driving danger, disallows illegal, non-licensed providers. Needs to be done thoughtfully – licensed, pay town fees, don't use cash, have a point of sale system, they pre-pay with debit card, the driver has the pre-printed form and product, ID is verified.... It would be web-based tracking to ensure only legal sales. Hughes said delivery is only available for medical, not recreational (theoretically). The delivery service gets around regulations by "giving" the marijuana away and the buyer "tips" them for the delivery. Dana said that they do allow alcohol delivery. Hughes says he gets calls to deliver. Everyone agreed that we do not know what the state rules will include / exclude. Ian noted that there are 5 of these services in Kittery and Eliot ("Weedmaps application?") Brigham noted that in Colorado they took credit and debit cards. It was noted that only two "banks" acknowledge care giver banking.

The committee discussed that the new timeframe for the state is likely late 2019 – early 2020. This is a delay from original June expectation. The committee discussed whether we should be interest in "financial capacity." It was decided that the State will likely screen for that and that we do not do that for a liquor store, for example. Also, it is implied in the steep fees that they may be asked to pay that they have money. It was decided that we would recommend that the process follow the same as obtaining a liquor license; don't create a new process. It was also noted that the town could be more strict than state law, so we could add a dimension to be checked out on our local process if state doesn't address it.

Jack noted concern about how people will know if marijuana may negatively affect them. Brigham and Dana each explained how at medical facilities, they do consultations, keep record of usage, etc., Ian noted that there are required disclaimers and labelling, often have posters with cautions. Brigham said we should support "information forward," use of acknowledgements; ask applicants to show how they will inform buyers of dangers.

- 3) Minutes Approval: Stacey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Hughes and was so voted 3 – 0.
- 4) Planning Board Hearing Stacey mentioned potential residency requirements for the first round of licenses. Ian cautioned of constitutional issues. Ian noted that for now this is still federally illegal, but DOJ ignoring states that allow and if operating within those state rules. The Planning

Board discussed tiers and have limited the draft ordinance to Tier II. The group discussed how not having a limit on the number of allowed recreational facilities would be fine because 1) market will determine 2) limited land on 236. Although quantities will be maintained by point of sale system, it would not be hard to go to several stores to get more than allowed. Brigham again suggested that the Ordinance reconsider allowing cultivation in zones other than C/I. Dana indicated that word is that the new Governor may be reconsidering sharing sales tax revenues with Towns. Ian said that while you likely could not force a company to pay a percentage, most companies will do so for public image / support. He noted this in Denver. It was also noted that the setbacks are not very realistic and should be looked at again. The Committee suggested that until we see some draft state rules, our committee is somewhat in limbo except as a clearinghouse of ideas for best zoning / implementation issues.

- 5) The next meeting will be on 4/24 at 6:00 PM
- 6) Stacey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; this was seconded by Hughes and was so voted 3-0.

Approved
4-24-19
D.K.L.