

Town of Windham, ME
Retail Adult-Use & Medical Marijuana Task Force
Town Hall

Date: February 25, 2019

Roll Call:

In Attendance: Hanson, Nadeau, Duffy, Hawkins, Pepin, Whitten, Dwight, Boehm, Terry

Staff Present: Daigle

Absent: Darby-Morey, Luce, Tuttle

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm

Minutes Approval

Motion to approved minutes as distributed, if no changes or errors, BOEHM, HAWKINS. Passed 8-0.

Proposed Code Definition

Motion, BOEHM, WHITTEN: Submit to the Council our recommendation for the Code definition is as follows:

“Medical Cannabis Store Front” – *A retail sales establishment operated by a Registered Medical Marijuana Caregiver for the sale of marijuana and marijuana products to qualifying patients which establishment may also include facilities for the conduct of any other activities authorized to be performed by a Registered Medical Marijuana Caregiver under 22 M.R.S. Sec. 2423-A(2), and may be amended from time to time.*

Discussion over home registered caregivers and those operating storefronts. How the ordinance approval process works within Town.

MOTION Passed 8-0.

Zoning Map Review

Zoning maps were distributed by Chuck showing the nine existing storefronts with 500 ft boundary drawn around. Committee expressed its concern over cluster bus stops and the impact of a cannabis storefront in those areas. The Task Force will continue to gather information. David Nadeau will be contacting the school department for more information and Mike Duffy, Will Hawkins, and David will bring back information for the next meeting.

Ordinance Review

Task Force discussed the need for a review of ordinances from other communities that have addressed this issue. Dave Whitten will begin to collect and collate this information for the next meeting.

Communication/Facebook Live

Task Force discussed the need for open transparent communications, education and increasing the information flow to the public. Chair had scheduled a meeting to discuss the potential of using the Town's Facebook live feed or other AV assistance. There are budgetary concerns with any added work for Town staff.

MOTION, Hawkins, Whitten

“Task Force approves Chair’s attendance at the next Town Council meeting to request a Facebook live feed.”

The motion was withdrawn after discussion

Task Force discussed ways to increase public participation so we can hear their concerns. The task force wants to ensure all have input. Potentially we could send out a survey and hold public meetings.

MOTION, HAWKINS, WHITTEN

The Task Force moves forward with scheduling a public meeting with appropriate advertising for the purpose of soliciting public input regarding regulations surrounding cannabis in their community.”

MOTION Passed 8-0

Law Comparison

Task Force reviewed the Law comparison provided by Maggie Terry and her staff. This illustrates the differences in medical versus adult-use cannabis use definitions/nuances contained within each governing law.

Will Hawkins will bring more information regarding the differences between medical and adult-use cannabis regulations. This will give us better information as we proceed to present in public meetings.

MOTION to Adjourn DUFFY, BOEHM

Meeting Adjourned at 5:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Chip Boehm