

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

Date: March 11, 2019

Roll Call

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

Staff: Daigle

Absent: Darby-Morey, Luce, Whitten

Meeting called to order at 4:06 pm

Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Boehm, Duffy. Passed without changes 7- 0-1 abstain.

Adult Use versus Medical Laws

Task Force update by W. Hawkins on the analysis between the two statutes. We can then use this as an aid to educate public and Town Council in the differences of each. He has not completed the process and will be completing over the next couple of weeks. He wants to be able to present a complete analysis.

C. Hanson presented a graphic diagram he found from the Town of Sanford's website regarding cannabis information presented for "opting in" or "opting out". This is an easily understood visual to present the different components and will be a good foundation as we present the pros and cons of each in public forums.

Public and Council Education Forums

Task Force also discussed the need for proper supporting documentation as we begin public sessions and Town Council presentation.

M. Terry brought up a concern raised by some councilors regarding one's ability to know the difference between an adult-use versus a medical cannabis store. While aesthetics may look similar, for the adult-use store you would need to provide valid I.D. for proof of age; a medical cannabis store requires valid medical certification and I.D. for purchase.

D. Nadeau explained via the whiteboard how the Task Force may present our recommendations to the Public and Council.

C. Hanson provided the Task Force with a printed copy of the Commercial Districts within the Town. This will allow us to understand on definitions, permitted uses, and performance standards.

Task Force discussed the planning process for holding public forums. Goal of the forum would be to present our analysis of the impacts on both sides of the issue of “opting in” or “opting out”. Public feedback would be incorporated into our final report. The Task Force would also seek to gain input various other stakeholders, e.g., Police and Fire Chiefs; School Resource Officer, School representatives, etc. We would expect at least two public forum should be offered.

Caregiver Bus Tour

M. Terry discussed various ways to get engagement from the public and Council to increase knowledge. A suggestion for a bus tour of the local caregivers may benefit the Council’s understanding. Since most of those interested had most likely had previous tours, it would not provide much benefit at this time and therefore not pursued at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm