**Town of Carrabassett Valley Notice of Public Forum at 6:00 p.m. on October 23rd, 2018 and Notice of Survey Request**

**Concerning Whether or not to Allow Marijuana Businesses to Operate in Carrabassett Valley**

An Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Forum on **October 23rd, 2018, at the Carrabassett Valley Public Library** **at** **6:00 p.m.** to present information concerning recently approved State of Maine legislation that allows municipalities in Maine to approve (“Opt In”) or not approve any or all of four types of Marijuana Businesses to operate in their respective communities if the local legislative body (Voters in CV) votes to do to so. The four types of Marijuana Businesses under consideration are:

* **Retail Sales of Adult-use Marijuana:** Authorized to sell adult-use marijuana and marijuana products to consumers.
* **Commercial Cultivation of Adult-use:** Authorized to grow and process marijuana for sale in adult-use retail stores.
* **Manufacturing of Adult-use Marijuana Products:** Authorized to extract components of the marijuana plant to make marijuana products such as tinctures and edibles.
* **Testing of Adult-use Marijuana Products:** Authorized to test marijuana and marijuana products for contamination, potency, and safety.

The purpose of the **October 23rd** forum is to provide information concerning the State Legislation and the process that the Committee has recommended to obtain as much public input as possible from the community. The Committee is also providing an anonymous Voluntary (non-binding) Survey to voters of the Town during the upcoming November 6th general election as well as access to an online (weblink) Survey to all property taxpayers of Carrabassett Valley, including the Town’s many non-resident tax taxpayers. More information will be announced in the Town’s upcoming annual newsletter (mailed to all taxpayers with anticipated distribution in November). These surveys are anonymous and your participation in them will be greatly appreciated.

Depending upon the results (favorable or unfavorable) of these surveys, along with input from public forums and the Advisory Committee the Board of Selectmen may (or may not) propose an Ordinance to be voted upon by the voters of Carrabassett Valley at the March 2019 Town Meeting. An Ordinance would essentially regulate any or all of the four types of Marijuana Businesses as described above.

To make an educated decision, we encourage voters and property taxpayers of Carrabassett Valley to view additional information concerning the State of Maine Marijuana legislation on the Town’s website: [www.carrabassettvalley.org](http://www.carrabassettvalley.org) and to attend the Public Forum on **October 23rd** to learn more.