**Marijuana Business Regulation Committee Meeting**

**6:00 p.m. Tuesday April 9th, 2019 at the Town Office**

**Agenda:**

The purpose of the meeting is to hopefully finalize a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding possible Ordinances for the Voters of the Town to consider. The Committee has held nine previous meetings, held two public hearings and conducted an extensive public survey. We nearing or at the point when the Committee needs to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen concerning what should be presented to the Voters of the Town for consideration based on all of the public input and information that the Committee has reviewed or considered.

We have attached the following information:

* A copy of Notes taken from the February 6th, 2019 Public Hearing.
* Copy of our Draft Licensing Ordinance to date
* Copy of our Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendments to date (to work in conjunction with the Licensing Ordinance.

We have made some minor changes (def. of Medical Marijuana\_\_\_\_, etc.) to these ordinances.

We have talked directly to the State of Maine Director of Marijuana Policy, Eric Gundersen, and we were told that all the rule making and administrative work now being completed by the State of Maine Dept. of Agriculture and Conservation should not affect municipal decision making or related municipal ordinances.

At the last Committee Meeting (Feb. 5th), the Committee reached consensus that adequate protections are in place in the Draft Ordinances barring any additional concerns that are presented at the February 6th public hearing. This does not mean the Committee agreed to questions of: 1) which Town Zones should be considered, which of the four types of businesses should be considered and how many should be considered. However, the Committee had previously reach preliminary agreement on these issues as outlined in the draft Zoning Amendment Ordinance).

In an attempt to assist the Committee in making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, we suggest that the following are the “core questions” that may need to be answered (decided by either consensus or by vote of Committee members) by the Committee:

* As agreed at the last Committee meeting, the Committee reached consensus that adequate protections are in place in the draft ordinances for the community unless other concerns, suggestions, etc. are brought up at either the February 6th public hearing or otherwise that need to be addressed in the Draft Ordinances.

The Code Enforcement Officer would like to discuss some related issues:

We would like to consider a minor change in the Security Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ARTICLE IX, Section 12 subsection (4)-5 to provide for separation of the lighting and lock and window security provisions as there is some confusion which we will explain. There was a comment to this effect at the public hearing.

The Committee may need to clarify what “recreational areas designed for use by children up to eighteen years in age” are. Does this mean all of the Town Trailheads? If agreed by the Committee, we would insert the word “predominant” in front of the word “recreational” to make a distinction between trail heads and playgrounds?

* Which, if any, of the four types of Marijuana Businesses does the Committee recommend be considered in the Draft Ordinances?

Retail

Cultivation

Manufacturing

Testing

* How many, if any, of the four types of Marijuana Businesses does the Committee recommend be considered in the Draft Ordinances? There are limits in the current ordinances. Are changes needed?
* Which Land use Zones in the Town’s Zoning Ordinance does the Committee recommend should be considered for one or all of these different types of Marijuana Businesses? The existing draft ordinances allow retail in the Village Center District only and the other three types of businesses in the Light Industrial District only.

Other Considerations: If the Committee can reach consensus (or vote) on the above items we will make any necessary changes to the Draft Ordinances based on the Committee’s recommendation. We will then send the final recommendations (the revised Draft Ordinances), the Original Draft redlined with the Committee Changes, and the recommendations from the Planning Board to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration.

The Selectmen will then make their recommendation/determination on any proposed draft ordinances that will go the voters of the Town for their consideration. The timing for a Town vote will be up to the Selectmen. If and when that happens, both the Planning Board and the Selectmen will need to hold public hearing(s) prior to a vote of the Town.