

**RETAIL MARIJUANA COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM  
Veterans Memorial Building Room 130  
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Nicole Riley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following persons were present: James McCaffrey, Joyce Boiardi, David Schofield, James Borgman, Bryan Riley, Christine Maltinsky and Attorney Lisa Whelan of Galerman and Cabral.

**Chair Nicole Riley reviewed the RMC Timeline for May Town Meeting.**

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>: RMC to update Board of Selectmen  
Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: RMC Meeting – review bylaws drafted by Attorney Whelan  
Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: RMC presents proposed bylaw to the Planning Board for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen  
Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>: RMC Meeting – address recommendations made by Planning Board, submit final draft bylaw to the Board of Selectmen  
Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: RMC presents final proposed bylaw to the Board of Selectmen for approval and recommendation of Public Hearing by the Planning Board  
Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: RMC Meeting  
Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: RMC Meeting  
Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Planning Board Public Hearing

II. **DISCUSSION WITH SPECIAL TOWN COUNSEL LISA WHELAN**

Town Counsel, Lisa Whelan noted that to ban or limit retail marijuana will be a 2-step process, town meeting vote to amend the zoning bylaw (2/3 vote required) and a ballot question at the election (which is a majority vote).

Question for the RMC is what it wants to present to the town:

- A total ban
- Or regulating through zoning.

Ms. Whelan stated that she will help draft the bylaws for either of these options.

There was discussion of the use of the word “ban” and Ms. Whelan recommended that they focus of the word “limitations”. She also answered questions from the RMC with regards to and the differences between “Medical” and “Retail” Marijuana facilities.

Ms. Whelan also submitted a **possible timeline** to the Committee.

- Planning Board Hearing Notice, 1<sup>st</sup> Publication – March 26, 2018
- Planning Board Hearing – April 10, 2018
- Warrant Opens – March, 2018
- Warrant Closes – April, 2018
- Warrant Published – 14 days per Town Bylaws – April 27, 2018
- Annual Election (Ballot Questions) – May 7, 2018
- Annual Town Meeting – May 14, 2018

**III. REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED ZONING BYLAWS**

Chair Riley provided the Committee, with regards to zoning bylaws, the table of use regulations which showed a rough idea of where commercial and industrial zones are in the town. There was much discussion with regards to zoning including questions/Statements from residents of the town. Ellen Rosenfeld of Commcan, Inc. also spoke to the Committee about her knowledge on some of the issues discussed.

The Committee each gave their opinion with regards to zoning districts.

**III. ORGANIZE COMMITTEE**

Chair Riley reviewed the RMC Timeline. She also noted that the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting is rescheduled to March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Joyce Boiardi motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Christine Maltinsky seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Maureen Canesi