

**RETAIL MARIJUANA COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 1, 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, James Borgman, Bryan Riley, Christine Maltinsky and Attorney Lisa Whelan (Gelman and Cabral).

II. **REVIEW PROPOSED BYLAW PREPARED BY ATTORNEY WHELAN**

1st Article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, as most recently amended, by amending the various sections identified in the proposal, or to take any other action related thereto.

The first Article discussed was the Zoning Bylaw with regards to location and special permitting of a Recreational Marijuana Establishment. Attorney Whelan stated that she used the existing Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Bylaw as a model for preparing the draft Bylaws for Recreational Marijuana. She tailored it to the specific statute and the goals discussed at the previous RMC meeting.

Marijuana Establishments:

1. Placement of Marijuana Establishments
2. Marijuana Establishments subject to provisions of the Bylaw
3. Special Permit Conditions on Marijuana Establishments
4. Exemption from Special Permit Requirements
5. Prohibition Against Nuisance
6. Severability

The committee would need to get the Planning Boards input on some of the items listed above. Attorney Whelan informed the Committee of some advisements/discussions that she had with the Attorney General with regards to Zoning.

There was a six to one vote by the Committee in favor of a 300' distance between marijuana establishments.

Bryan Riley motioned that the Committee accept the changes discussed for the new draft. It was seconded by Joyce Bioardi and it passed unanimously.

2nd Article - Retail Marijuana – Limit to 25% of alcohol licenses. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as most recently amended, by amending Section XIII.V., Marijuana Establishments, to limit the number of Marijuana Retailers to no more than 25% of the number of licenses issued within the Town under 15 of M.G.L. c. 138, for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold. (See ARTICLE – Retail Marijuana – Limit to 25% of alcohol licenses)

Bryan Riley motioned to accept the bylaw as presented. It was seconded by Christine Maltiinski and it passed unanimously.

3rd Article – To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 64N, § 3, to impose a local sales tax upon sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town of Millis to anyone other than a marijuana establishment at a rate of 3%, or the highest amount that may be permitted by law, of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as a consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products, said excise to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least thirty days after such vote of this Town Meeting.

Brian Riley motioned to accept this draft Article as presented. It was seconded by Joyce Bioardi and it passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Chair Riley suggested that the Committee skip this agenda item.

IV. SCHEDULE DATES/TIMES FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FORUMS

Committee discussed possible dates and locations for additional Public Forums.

It was decided that they would have additional Public Forums at the Library and the Senior Center. Two possible dates discussed were having the one of the Public Forums on the date of 3/21/18 which is a regularly scheduled Recreational Marijuana Committee meeting and 4/4/18.

It was also discussed ways for the Town to inform the public of upcoming Forums

V. CONSENT ITEMS:

Approval of minutes: 1/11/18, 1/24/18

Bryan Riley motioned to approve the minutes of 1/11/18. Christine Maltinsky seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bryan Riley motioned to approve the minutes of 1/24/18. Christine Maltinsky seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Riley motioned to adjourn at 10:15pm. The committee passed the motion unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Maureen Canesi