

Medical Marijuana Ordinance  
Meeting Minutes 01/05/16

Meeting called to order at 07:08pm by Chairman MacMaster

Committee members present – Diann Perkins, Les MacMaster, Sarah Gormady, Dan Drake, Elijah Webber

**Agenda Item 1 – Survey of surrounding towns with Medical Marijuana Ordinances.**

Sarah started the conversation with a review of the Biddeford Ordinance, or lack thereof. The town instituted a moratorium on dispensaries in 2010, but subsequently lifted it. There is no medical marijuana ordinance for the town.

Dan reviewed the Brewer moratorium. It targets dispensaries and prohibits any from moving forward within Brewer.

Les then discussed the Old Orchard Beach ordinance. The focus of the ordinance is Dispensaries or “production facilities”. The ordinance limits the number of dispensaries to one, with all the standard setbacks and zoning rules regarding MM. The town does provide for “production facilities” and restricts them to no more than four medical marijuana caregivers per production facility.

Dan briefly discussed the ordinance for Portland. It is principally focusing on recreational use of marijuana. Dan said his review was just starting and will report on Portland some time in the future.

Diann gave a briefing on the Skowhegan ordinance. Dated 06/14, the ordinance is considered a “public safety” ordinance and expands on existing state law.

**Agenda Item 2 – Points of Consideration for Ordinance Development.**

The committee then spent some time discussing ideas or issues that we should keep track of as we gather data. Topics identified as “Points of Consideration” were:

- Sewage System Impact (if any)
- Aquifer Impact
- Shoreland Zoning
- Insurance
- Security
- Electric Load
- Signage
- Setbacks
- Enforcement
- Production facilities

Dispensaries

In-door vs. outdoor differences.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Listening Phase of Process**

The committee discussed where we want the ordinance development process to head. It was determined that we should enter a “listening phase”, where members of the public who attended the November Public meeting be invited to attend the workshop to discuss their ideas, concerns and issues relating to medical marijuana. Les will arrange to have someone address the committee at the next meeting.

Assignments for 01/19 meeting - Eli will work on the Caribou and Paris ordinances. Dan will continue his review of Portland. Sarah will review the Waldoboro moratorium. Les will review the York ordinance. Les will invite someone to speak to the committee regarding their public meeting comments. Les will contact DHHS regarding presentations and supporting handouts regarding Medical Marijuana.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00pm at Pike Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 08:30pm.