

Medical Marijuana Ordinance
Meeting Minutes 02/02/16

Meeting called to order @ 07:13pm by Chairman MacMaster

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

Les informed the group that he had contacted the Planning Board Chair regarding the actual writing of ordinances. John forwarded the email to SMRP for thoughts. SMRP indicated that OOB has a well written ordinance and could be adapted to the Town of Cornish.

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

We discussed the need to examine the remaining 4 ordinances. The 12 reviewed to date are fairly consistent, and with the endorsement of SMRP, we decided to end the review and adopt the OOB ordinance as a base to work with.

Les will provide OOB ordinance to committee members.

Agenda Item 2 – Contact with DHHS

Sarah reported that the DHHS has no handouts or educational material available.

We then had a brief discussion about recreational marijuana and the Legalization Initiative being put forward. Les handed out a summary of the initiative obtained from [this link](#) at Ballotpedia

Agenda Item 3 – Moratorium Discussion

Diann thought that we might want to consider a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana for the time being.

Les asked the Code Enforcement Officer (Wes happened to be attending the meeting) if he was aware of any Medical Marijuana business before he or the Planning Board that was causing a need for a Moratorium. He stated that he was not aware of any Medical Marijuana business pending.

An informal poll of members indicated we should proceed with writing an ordinance.

Agenda Item 4 – Rules Review

The group then decided we should review 10-144 CMR Chapter 122, effective Date September 17, 2013, also known as [Rules Governing the Maine Medical Use of](#)

[Marijuana Program](#), and determine if we should improve on the rules dictated by State Law.

The group quickly reviewed the Section 1 - Definitions and did not have any immediate changes. This can always be revisited.

The group then went on to Section 2: Scope and Protected Conduct. The discussion went to Section 2.1.2 as a bookmark. Next meeting discussion will pick up here.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00pm at Pike Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 08:44pm.