

Medical Marijuana Ordinance
Meeting Minutes 02/16/16

Meeting called to order @ 07:11pm by Chairman MacMaster

Committee members present – Les MacMaster, Diann Perkins

Agenda Item 1 – Housekeeping/Membership

Les discussed the need for committee members to attend meetings. Current membership guidelines require at least 50% meeting attendance to remain in good standing. Several members from the 07/29/15 public meeting have fallen below that attendance requirement (have NOT attended any meetings). Les proposed that these members be deemed “inactive” and thus unable to vote on committee business. Inactive members may petition the committee for reinstatement. Inactive members will still receive any and all communications regarding the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Motion was approved.

Members present then welcomed local businessman Michael Fulginiti to the committee. Mike self-declared as a concerned citizen.

Current active members are Les MacMaster, Diann Perkins, Elijah Webber, Sarah Gormady, Dan Drake and Mike Fulginiti.

Agenda Item 2 – Planning Board Workshop

At the request of the Selectmen, Les attended the Planning Board Workshop meeting on 02/15 to provide a summary of work to date and answer any questions the audience may have regarding the Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

The briefing went well and it appears that both the Planning Board and the Selectmen are satisfied with the progress to date.

There was a conversation regarding dissemination of MMO work and information to the general public. It was determined that the committee would forward meeting dates, membership, minutes of meetings and agendas to the Town Webmaster for inclusion on the [Town's website](#). This will begin immediately.

Agenda Item 3 – Continuing review of “Rules Governing the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program” [10-144 CMR Chapter 122, Effective Date: September 17, 2013](#)

We resumed our review of the current rules at Section 2.1.2. We examined and discussed Scope and Protected Conduct, Cultivation of Marijuana, Disposal of Excess Marijuana, Prohibitions and other topics within the section.

Of note, Section 2.7.1.1.1 requires an “enclosed outdoor area must have a privacy fence at least 6 feet high that obscures the view of marijuana to discourage theft and unauthorized intrusion”.

The section then goes on to state that when this requirement is inconsistent with local ordinances regarding fences, deference is given to local ordinance height requirements.

The section also requires qualifying patients and caregivers to comply with local ordinances regarding boundary setback requirements.

We completed the review of Section 2 and will pick up our review at Section 3 – DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS at our next meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00pm at Pike Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 08:47pm.