

Medical Marijuana Ordinance
Meeting Minutes 05/24/16

Meeting called to order @ 07:10pm by Chairman MacMaster

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

There was also an interested citizen in attendance.

Item 1 – Administrative/Housekeeping

Les moved to change the membership status of Elijah Webber to inactive. The motion passed 4-0. The committee still has 5 active members.

Item 2 – Cornish Ordinance

We reviewed and discussed Performance Standards, Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary Limit, Medical Marijuana Production Facility Limit, Proximity Limit and Proximity Location to Other Uses.

D. Performance Standards: We modified this section of language to reflect Cornish references.

D. Performance Standards shall now read:

In addition to other requirements of this section and related provisions of The Town of Cornish Land Use and Development Ordinance, the following shall apply to any application for a new or altered medical marijuana registered dispensary or a medical marijuana production Facility:

D-1 Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary Limit: We modified this section to reflect the Town of Cornish.

D-1 Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary Limit shall now read:

There shall be no more than one medical marijuana registered dispensary in the Town of Cornish.

D-2 Medical Marijuana Production Facility Limit: We left this piece of the ordinance intact.

D-2 Medical Marijuana Production Facility Limit will continue to read:

There shall be no more than four medical marijuana caregivers allowed to operate within a single medical marijuana production facility.

D-3 Proximity Limit: We modified the numerical value of the proximity limit.

D-3 Proximity Limit will now read:

Only one medical marijuana registered dispensary or medical marijuana production facility shall be permitted per lot. Additionally, no medical marijuana production facility shall be located on a lot that is within 500 feet of another lot on which a medical marijuana production facility or medical marijuana registered dispensary is located. This separation requirement will prevent a concentration of these facilities and helps to ensure compliance with the State prohibition against collectives.

D-4 Proximity Location to Other Uses: We modified the language regarding other uses to simplify understanding and maintenance.

D-4 Proximity Location to Other Uses will now read:

No medical marijuana registered dispensary or medical marijuana production facility shall be closer than 500 linear feet, measured in a straight line from the dispensary or facility building entrance, to the nearest point on the boundary of any property which is occupied by a licensed day care facility, school, church or town owned property.

Item 3 – Medical Marijuana “Social Clubs”

We continued the discussion of Medical Marijuana “Social Clubs”. It was pointed out that patients living in Section 8 (Low Income/Subsidized) housing were unable to take their medication in their homes without violating federal law and, as such, risk their housing.

Les handed out Section 4 Land Uses from the Town of Cornish Land Use and Development Ordinance that indicates the Table of Permissible Uses for each Land Use District. Additionally, Les provided definitions of clubs (private and community center) identified in the Land Use Ordinance. Finally, Les provided definitions of Medical Marijuana Home Production (Land Use), Medical Marijuana Production Facility (Land Use) and Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary (Land Use) for consideration.

Copies of D-5 Security, D-6 Outside Appearance, D-7 Odorous Air Contaminants and D-8 Business License were handed out for review prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tues 06/07 at 7:00pm at Pike Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 08:49pm.