

**RETAIL MARIJUANA COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 25, 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, Brian Schofield and Christine Maltinsky.

II. **WARRANT ARTICLE REVIEW: DISCUSSION/QUESTION AND ANSWER FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING ZONING BYLAWS AT TOWN MEETING.**

Chair Riley gave an overview of the 3 Warrant Articles.

1. Zoning Bylaw
2. 25% Limitation of Retail Sales Establishments
3. Adoption of State Regulations that will allow the Town to implement to 3% Sales Tax for adult use Retail Sales Establishments.

Chair Riley reviewed how/when the Bylaw was presented to Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board and how votes were taken. The final vote that went back to the Board of Selectmen from the Planning Board was a 2 to 1 vote with regards to Zoning Bylaw and setbacks listed in the Articles.

Ellen Rosenfeld (ConCam) and David Baker (617 Therapeutics) both addressed the Committee with their thoughts and comments

There were questions from Committee members to Mark Goldberg (who will be designing and engineering the systems for 617 Therapeutics) as to the process of eliminating the odor from a marijuana manufacturing and cultivating facility.

Chair Riley asked if there would be an opportunity for the Town to have an independent expert review the proposal and the engineering documents at the applicants cost and would that be part of the licensing process.

Committee member, James McCaffrey noted that the licensing is the responsibility of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He stated that local permitting would:

- 1) be approved for a special permit by the Planning Board,
- 2) would have to meet Building Department regulations and
- 3) have a host agreement with the Town

Peter D'Agostino (617 Therapeutics) answered questions with regards to what recourse the Town would have through a host agreement and what 617 Therapeutics could be accountable for.

There was discussion about Town Meeting and how the outcome of that meeting would affect the Committee and future meetings/tasks.

III. **DISCUSSION OVERLAY DISTRICT**

A preliminary overlay zoning map is being considered with the help of the Assessors and DPW departments.

Chair Riley asked the Committee if it would be prudent to wait on the next steps of developing an overlay district because of the May 7th Town Meeting vote. Should the

Committee move forward working with the Police and Board of Health? Chair Riley explained what an overlay district does which is identify the protected areas of the town. The Committee decided to wait until after Town Meeting before talking with Police, Board of Health and Fire/Emergency.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

Joyce Boiardo motioned to approve the minutes of 4-11-18. The motion was seconded by Christine Maltinski and it passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Brian Schofield made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Joyce Boiardi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Maureen Canesi

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