

**RETAIL MARIJUANA COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Building Room 229
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, David Schofield and Christine Maltinsky.

II. **DISCUSSION: BYLAWS**

Chair Riley noted that one task which needs to be completed by the Committee is to assist the Police, Fire and Board of Health with proposed bylaws, ordinances and regulations. Ms. Riley stated that she met with the Police and Fire Chiefs and asked what they felt Millis needed locally to address the legalization of Marijuana. The majority of what the departments would face would be addressed at a state level. It was expressed though that they had concerns about the issue of public consumption and that they would need control of prohibiting public consumption.

Attorney, Lisa Whelan has supplied the Committee with versions, from several other towns, showing their Bylaws including within work and public places. She also provided samples from the state website.

The Committee could choose to recommend to the Board of Health that they current smoking ban be amended to include marijuana (only where there is food).

She asked the Committee their opinions/statements. There was discussion on bylaws and what the police could enforce. It was decided that they would ask Police Chief Soffayer to address the Committee to help them identify how they would like the bylaw to read.

III. **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS FROM RESIDENTS**

There were not questions.

IV. **VOTE: WARRANT ARTICLES 26 & 27**

Chair Riley stated that there are 2 zoning bylaws on the Warrant that need to be voted on. Article 26, which was voted a 2 to 1 vote by the Board of Selectmen, breaks down 2 different setback regulations: one for retail establishments and one for all other adult use establishments. She asked the Committee what their opinions are. Bryan Riley stated his opinion was that the Committee agree with how the Board of Selectmen voted and that the town would benefit from this decision. Christine Maltinski also stated that in her opinion this vote would also benefit the town. David Scholfield positive things about knowing the possible tenant but concerned about the odor. Joyce Boiardi also concerned about the odor. Jim Borgman thinks that the current warrant is a good start getting something established. James McCaffrey speaking on behalf of the board respected all comments. Town will be voting on the zoning and he believed that this would be a positive impact on the town. He suggested that the Committee recommend that Town meeting adopt this zoning bylaw. He stated that this would be a Significant opportunity for the town to utilize the 1073 Main Street facility.

Chair Riley reviewed with the Committee the CCC regulations which states grounds for denial of renewal application, suspension and revocation of licenses. She also spoke with BOH directors from different towns with regards to odor.

Catherine MacInnes speaking as a member of the planning board made a comment that she has been to the facility and experienced no odor.

Craig Schultz finance committee stated that they will be voting on this next week. He discussed budget cuts and the current financial problem within the Town. If the Articles are not passed at this town meeting the Town risks of having nothing.

Sel. McCaffrey asked which bylaw would be in the best interest of the town. Either to forego or adopt the limitation.

David Baker working for 617 Therapeutics urged the Recreational Marijuana committee to vote help the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen by voting to pass the bylaws that are in place (current Warrant).

Peter D'Agostino, representative for 617 Therapeutics, addressed concerns that the Committee has and asked for support favorable action on Article 26.

Chair Riley pointed out that if nothing passes in May or in November and there is no Zoning Bylaw the Board of Selectmen can say still say no to a Host Agreement.

Bryan Riley made a motion to approve the Article 26 as it appears on the Warrant. David Schofield seconded the motion and it passed 4 to 2.

Chair Riley made a motion that in the event of Article 26 passes that the Committee (Board) recommends the approval of Article 27. Bryan Riley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bryan Riley if Article 26 fails at the Town Meeting then the committee will not recommend Article 27. Christine Maltinski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Joyce Boiardi made a motion that the Committees recommends the approval of Article 28. The motion was seconded by David Schofield and it passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Joyce Boiardi made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Christine Maltinski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Maureen Canesi