

Select Board Recommendations for
Special Town Meeting Article 8 (pg. 16 of the Voter Handbook)

Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting would create a zoning bylaw to govern the siting and permitting requirements of marijuana establishments.

The Select Board's recommendation on Article 8 is contingent on the outcome of Article 7. Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting would repeal the existing ban that prohibits non-medical adult use marijuana establishments anywhere in the Town of Bourne.

If ARTICLE 7 PASSES, then the Planning Board and Select Board recommend **approval** of Article 8. If the general ban is lifted and marijuana establishments are allowed in Town, then it is important to have zoning rules in place to mitigate any potential negative impacts, and to ensure the site development is regulated.

MOTION (BY THE PLANNING BOARD): *We move that the Town vote to approve this article as set forth in the Warrant, with the correction of the following two (2) scrivener's error:*

- 1. Correct spelling of the word "schedule" in Section 2220: Use Regulation Schedule.*
- 2. Replace the number "15" with number "14" as the footnote in Section 2220: Use Regulation Schedule, line identified as "Marijuana Retailer (marijuana product sales and related paraphernalia)".*

A YES or YEA vote would create zoning districts to regulate marijuana establishments in certain areas of Town.

A NO or NAY vote would not create any zoning regulations to govern where marijuana establishments could be located.

2/3 vote required

If **ARTICLE 7 FAILS**, then the Select Board recommends that Article 8 be **Indefinitely Postponed**. If the general ban is not lifted, and remains in place, then zoning regulations are not necessary, as no marijuana establishments are allowed to locate within the Town.

A YES or AYE vote in favor of the motions to indefinitely postpone the article would maintain the status quo and the zoning bylaw would not be amended.

A NO or NAY vote opposed to the motion to indefinitely postpone would require another motion to be made on Article 8 to discuss and vote on the proposed private petition amendment to the zoning bylaw.

Simple Majority required