

Town of Bourne Informational Session on Recreational Cannabis.

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The Town of Bourne will hold an information session related to the possible retail sale of recreational Marijuana. The Town voted against the state wide ballot question to allow recreational sale of marijuana in November of 2016. The Massachusetts Legislature amended the law as passed and allows communities to opt out of having this type of retail outlet. The Board of Selectmen have authorized a Special Town Meeting to afford the townspeople the opportunity to debate and vote on whether or not to prohibit this type of retail activity.

In an effort to provide a balanced view on the topic, the Selectmen are having an informational session on Wednesday March 21, 2018 at 6:30 P. M. The session will be convened at the Bourne High School Library and will host respected panelists in favor and opposed to the idea of Retail Marijuana sales. The format and agenda are attached.

Agenda: Recreational Marijuana Forum

John Fuller, Moderator

Proponents

Jim Borghesani
Marijuana Policy Project

Richard Elrick, Esq.

Opponents

Linell Grundman
Denise Cloonan

Biographical synopsis of each participant:

Jim Borghesani has held top communication positions in state government and the private sector and has worked on dozens of community and media campaigns at the local, state and national level. He served as director of communications for the Suffolk District Attorney in the 1990s and became press secretary for the Massachusetts Governor's Office immediately following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Jim served as director of communications for the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol, the successful 2016 ballot initiative in Massachusetts.

Richard Elrick is an attorney, former 3-term Barnstable town councilor, Energy Coordinator for the towns of Bourne and Barnstable, and has also worked seasonally for the past 35 years as a Nantucket Sound ferry boat captain. Richard has lived on Cape Cod for more than 40 years and is a father and grandfather. Mr. Elrick has been a long-time advocate for ending cannabis prohibition and replacing it with a safe, legal, and well-regulated cannabis marketplace.

Linell Grundman began working regionally and state wide on issues of Substance Abuse Prevention as a Selectman in Sandwich. Her service as a Public Health and Preventive Medicine Specialist in the United States Army provided the academic and practical background for the subject. The public policy and economic impacts related to ignoring prevention and education regarding substance use became very clear in her decade of public service to Sandwich as Selectman and Finance Committee Member along with her active participation as a founding member of the Barnstable County Regional Substance Abuse Council.

Denise Cloonan is resident of Sandwich. She is the mom to one graduate of UCT and another graduating this year. Has been a member of Bourne Substance Free Coalition from its beginning and has worked on substance abuse as a volunteer for three years in both Sandwich and Bourne.

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Order of Presentation:

- 6:35 - Welcome by Selectmen Chair, George Slade
- 6:40 – 6:55 Mr. Borghesani – Marijuana Policy Project
- 7:00 – 7:15 Mr. Elrick, Esq
- 7:15 – 7:30 – Ms. Grundman, Public Health Specialist
- 7:30 – 7:45 Ms. Cloonan – Bourne Substance Abuse Coalition
- 7:45 – 8:30 Question and Answer Session from the Bourne public. Attendees will be asked to submit questions in writing and submit to the Moderator. The Moderator will read the questions and solicit answers from the appropriate panelists.
- 8:40 - Closing comments by each of the participants and a proposed adjournment of the session for 9:00 P.M.