

Cannabis Working Group

Meeting of Wednesday, June 6, 2018

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Attendees: Glenn Cannon, Jennifer Copeland, Stanley Andrews, William Grant, Dominique Rapoza, Rob Wheeler, Richard Conron, and George Slade (ex officio)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Dominique Rapoza

Motion by Mr. Grant, second by Mr. Wheeler to accept meeting minutes of May 23, 2018, by unanimous vote, with Mr. Andrews abstaining;

Public comment –

- Don Hayward inquired about the mission statement of the working group. He was given a copy.

Ms. Rapoza asked for impression of a site visit to Triple M, currently operating as a medical grow and distribution facility in North Plymouth. Mr. Grant, Mr. Conron, Ms. Copeland, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Slade each offered their visit including general impressions of the background, history, operation, and plans for Triple M. There was a motion by Mr. Conron and second by Mr. Grant that each of the working group attendees would submit their observations in writing to the working group. Also, a letter of appreciation will be sent to Triple M. Attendees of the site visit are to send report as an addendum to the agenda. It was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cannon distributed a revised Short Term 6 Month Work Plan; a discussion ensued about timing of deliverables and related Planning Board and Board of Health decisions. Mr. Cannon also handed out two documents from Health Agent Terri Guarino – “Regulations Restricting the Sale of Marijuana” and “Regulations Restricting the Sale and Usage of Tobacco Products”; and Town of Bourne Bylaws. A discussion ensued about the existing regulations and what the suggested changes would include in preparation of the town meeting. The present bylaws relative to tobacco, alcohol and cannabis were discussed as to consistency, ability to enforce, and who would enforce. It was recommended that such questions should be clarified by the Health Agent.

There was more discussion regarding the timelines. Mr. Grant said that he would be meeting with town counsel regarding bylaw preparation. Mr. Slade mentioned that town counsel is working on the Host Community Agreement. It is moving along but offered no specific date on the signing.

It was confirmed regarding the use of town staff, namely the building inspector, health inspector and the police chief, that unless responding to specific questions related to their specialty, they would be asked only to respond to or attend working group meetings.

New business – In order to meet a target date of June 20th to have previously mentioned clarifications sent to Health Agent Guarino, a general agenda suggestions were made for the next meeting tentatively planned for Monday, June 11th. Ms. Copeland and Mr. Cannon agreed to have agenda posted to meet open meeting time requirements.

Mr. Grant moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Andrews. Unanimous approval at 8:15 pm

Submitted by George Slade

Approved – 6.11.18