



**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
W/PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

Normand Albert, At Large 2018
Kasie Kolbe, District 1 2018
Allen Ward, District 2 2018
Christopher Brunelle, At Large 2019
Mark Lunt, District 1 2019
Kris Crawford, District 2, 2019
Fern Larochelle, At Large 2020

CALL TO ORDER. The Chairman, Allen Ward, called the meeting to order and dispensed the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Ward, Brunelle, Lunt, and Crawford. Also present were Diane Barnes, Town Manager; Planning Board Members were Karin Paradis (Chairman), Donald Fellows, Scott Hall, William Kuhl, Eric Metivier; Curtis Lunt, and Dan Leeman; Dan Stockford, Esquire, Town Attorney; Dennis Douglass, Code Enforcement Officer; and approximately 10 citizens in the audience.

MARIJUANA ORDINANCE DISCUSSION WITH PLANNING BOARD

Mrs. Barnes said she put this meeting together based upon Council's straw poll indication that they may want to opt in. She said she reviewed Dan Stockford's memo and listed the things the Council and Planning Board will need to decide on. Decisions need to be made regarding licensing and regulation, and then if the town decides to do an ordinance, the last step would be to have Attorney Stockford draw up a draft ordinance based upon the discussion tonight..

Councilor Ward said he did not think the Planning Board saw this as much more than adopting the land use and zoning designations that already dictate where this can happen. Mr. Fellows said there is a lot of ambiguity in the existing land use ordinance still the way it is so they have loosely discussed making a separate section in the land use ordinance that deals separately with this topic, either recreation or medical; and specifically to exclude anything that deals with marijuana in the other sections. He said they need to be careful in doing this and if they did that it would take some workshop time to accomplish, etc.

Mrs. Paradis said she was very confused about the state legislation. Attorney Stockford said the town is free to impose municipal regulations on the types of marijuana businesses if it chooses to opt in. He encouraged the town determine what regulations should apply before that vote to opt in occurs and the consensus of the Council already is that they are receptive to discussing whether or not to opt in.

Councilor Ward asked for an explanation of the difference between recreational and medical use of marijuana is and what the role of the municipality is. Attorney Stockford said there are four categories for each as follows:

Recreational Marijuana

- 1) Marijuana Store
- 2) Cultivation facilities
- 3) Product Manufacturing facilities
- 4) Testing facilities

Medical Marijuana

- 1) Registered Caregivers & Medical Retail Stores
- 2) Registered Dispensaries
- 3) Product Manufacturing facilities
- 4) Testing facilities

Attorney Stockford mentioned a business could operate both so long as both types are operated completely separate from each another. The law does allow some businesses to operate on both sides of the law, but as far as cultivation, manufacturing, and testing facilities the law allows businesses to operate on both side of the law subject to certain restrictions keeping the product and processes separate. If the town opts in then the town has the right to regulate land use, regulations, performance standards, and other things associated with that. Assuming those types of businesses are allowed then what are the suggested regulations the town would like to impose on them.

Kimberly Printy, Cannabis Educator/Advisor & Advocate said unless you have something in your municipal ordinance prohibiting it, that caregiver storefronts were allowed, which is why a lot of towns are having that conversation. There are many people already operating right now and there is nothing that prohibits them, unless it

was worked into your ordinance. Attorney Stockford said his understanding of the new law that goes into effect in 90 days after the legislature adjourns is that within 90 days or so, when that new legislation goes into effect, at that point towns will have to opt in to allow this. He said, right, under current state law a caregiver can operate a retail store. Lisbon has adopted a moratorium on all types of medical marijuana businesses in order to allow time for these boards to consider how they want to regulate it.

Mr. Douglass said we cannot accept an application yet. Attorney Stockford said correct, because we have a moratorium in place for medical marijuana businesses and adult use businesses are not okay unless the town opts in.

Mr. Fellows said the Planning Board wants to deal primarily with planning uses and not licensing and regulations. Mrs. Paradis said Lisbon has made a lot of progress here, property values could be effected by this, and that she would like to see other towns be the trailblazers, because it is easier to prevent a problem than to fix it. Councilor Brunelle said everyone has his or her own opinion on value of progress. He said he wanted this to become an asset to the town.

Mr. Fellows said retail is retail and in the right place is where they want these to be. Mr. Douglass recommended putting the categories described tonight into the land use chart; these categories should match up nicely and go somewhere into the land use chart.

Attorney Stockford indicated towns could consider licensing; he explained that towns could certify establishment is permitted and then the state can issue the license. Councilor Ward said that sounds similar to what happens with liquor licensing.

Dan Leeman stressed the importance of establishing clearly identifiable land uses for these categories to protect our CEO so that is very straightforward when it comes to the location allowing one or the other. Kim Printy explained the operations for testing, manufacturing, and explained the necessary training needed to operate equipment. Several in the audience spoke briefly. Councilor Brunelle explained that this ordinance process should not take that long to accomplish and that Council could lift the moratorium early.

Councilor Ward explained that the Planning Board meets tonight at 7:00 PM. Seeing no objections, he closed the Council Workshop with the Planning Board at 7:12 PM.

Twila D. Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM/MMC
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