

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 26, 2018

Memorial Library Meeting Room

8:30 AM

Present: Katie Green, Joan Gardner, Jon Benson, Janet K. Adachi, Assistant Town Manager Mark Hald, and Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary

Absent: Peter J. Berry

Remote Participation: Town Counsel Nina Pickering-Cook

Board to Consider Adding Article to Extend the Recreational Marijuana Retail Sales Moratorium to Special Town Meeting Warrant

JB- questioned the scenario where the Nov 6 ballot question and the companion warrant article passes the need for a further moratorium during the 90 day period of review by the Attorney General. Any marijuana retailer applying to set up a retail shop would require a host community agreement with the town, which the BOS would not entertain during the AG's review period. While this course would present little to no exposure to the town, the extended moratorium would be a bit more comprehensive in effect.

JA – if zoning bylaws are effective upon a Town Meeting vote, subject to AG's subsequent review/approval, and town votes down the ban and votes in the zoning bylaw amendment, what does that mean for the current moratorium that expires end of 2018? – Ms. Cook stated that Town Meeting approval of the zoning regulation would end the moratorium as of December 4th,

Ms. Pickering Cook went over several scenarios and the potential outcomes.

The Board went over the order of the articles and choices of passing over articles depending on the outcome of each.

JA – if ban fails at 11/6 ballot and comes to Town Meeting, she feels that people would still like to vote on the proposed warrant article ban .

KG – Board would recommend taking no action on the moratorium if Town Meeting approved zoning article. If voters approve ballot question and warrant article ban, Town Meeting can take up proposed moratorium extension to cover gap during period that AG is reviewing ban.

Several residents had some questions on clarification of the proposed article. Ms. Adachi moves to add the article to amend the zoning bylaw to extend the marijuana establishment temporary moratorium to the Special Town Meeting Warrant, Mr. Benson seconds. All Ayes (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Tomyl, Recording Secretary



Jon Benson, Clerk