

Ad Hoc Marijuana Committee Minutes – September 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

Roll Call

Members present were: Karen Farber, Andy Jones, and Amy Lamontagne. Claudia King arrived at 5:40 pm.

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of August 16 Meeting

Karen motioned and Andy seconded with all in favor 2-0.

Item 2 – Review Zoning Maps/General Discussion

The committee reviewed current zoning maps and discussed the five uses of retail marijuana and where they would be permitted in town. Some general questions were:

1. Is growing marijuana considered agriculture?
2. With no action taken, could someone use the existing definition of home occupation to sell marijuana brownies? Is that a legit home occupation?
3. Using Backyard Farms (Madison) as an example....is there any size limitation on the structure/footprint of a greenhouse in the Farm/Forest zone?
4. Regarding marijuana farms... where would they be allowed and what do we want them to look like?
5. Licensing questions...licensed at the state only or can we require a local license?
6. What is the definition of a Research Facility? Is there a difference between a lab and a research facility? Is there a definition of laboratory?

Amy will follow up with Community Development to obtain answers to the questions. The state licensing discussion will be saved for Representative Pierce. The committee agreed that a representative from Community Development should come to a future meeting (preferably October 4).

Item 3 – Other Business

Amy provided a scheduling update for the September 19 meeting. Our guest speaker has a potential conflict so there was discussion about adding a September 27 meeting as well as one on October 4.

Item 4 – Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.