Notes from Ad Hoc Marijuana Committee Meeting - Friday, October 12, 2018, 7:30 AM

Attendees:

Rep. Teresa Pierce - Guest
Hope Cahan - Town Councilor, Ad Hoc Comm. Member
Aaron Svedlow - Town Councilor, Ad Hoc Comm. Member
Claudia King - Town Councilor, Ad Hoc Comm. Member
Caleb Hemphill - Town Councilor
Ted Asherman - Town Councilor
Andrea Ferrante - Town Councilor
Kyle Noyes - Resident

Rep. Pierce gave the committee an update on the state's Adult Use Marijuana Law, LD 1719, passed in May of this year. She noted that rule-making continues and a Marijuana Advisory Committee is still not formed. She reviewed aspects of the law including personal use, retail and commercial and use. She covered topics such as data collection, license requirements, tax revenue, and packaging and labelling.

She noted that municipalities must opt in for the commercial and retail aspects of adult use. She reviewed the several areas a municipality may permit: cultivation, manufacturing, testing, nurseries, and retail. Social clubs will not be allowed in Maine.

Regarding personal growing of marijuana, a person can have 3 mature plants at a time, they must be out of sight of the public way, and there may be no home extraction. She noted that there is no limit on the number of other people a person may grow for. She suggested we may want to look into limiting the number of people growing on a lot or limit the number of plants. She also noted that there are no limits on how close a personal "grow" may to be to school. (The law has limits in the retail and commercial settings.) Such regulations may give clarity to law enforcement when determining who should be licensed. It may be advisable to look at the medical marijuana law to look for differences, consistencies.

While the rule making, meant more for the commercial side of marijuana production and consumption, will continue through the winter, Rep. Pierce recommended we consider moving ahead with our local permits/controls.

Claudia agreed to reach out to Nathan and Caleb to determine next steps.

Notes taken by Claudia King
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