

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday
Sept 24 6:30 Town Hall

MARIJUANA IN NEW MARLBOROUGH??

MARIJUANA BUSINESSES* allowed in Massachusetts:

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| 1. CULTIVATOR | 2. CRAFT COOPERATIVE | 3. MANUFACTURER | 4. RETAILER |
| 5. RESEARCH FACILITY | 6. TESTING LABORATORY | 7. TRANSPORTER | 8. MICRO-BUSINESS |

4 OPTIONS TO CONSIDER:

ALLOW ALL		3) ALLOW SOME & PROHIBIT OTHERS	4) PROHIBIT ALL
1) REGULATE WITH NEW BYLAWS	2) USE EXISTING BYLAWS		
New Zoning Bylaws would be enacted and could specify the # of businesses allowed, areas where each type of business would be allowed, regulate setbacks and other physical/aesthetic features, control some operational impacts (similar to the way liquor is regulated) and create a specific application process.	Enact no new bylaws. Permit applications would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Businesses could go on any buildable lot. Town can control some operational impacts (similar to the way liquor is regulated). Any conditions would be at the discretion of the Select Board through the Special Permit process.	The Town can allow some of the 8 allowable establishment and prohibit others. For the allowed businesses, we can either regulate with new bylaws or use existing bylaws. Those businesses not allowed must be prohibited.	All Marijuana Establishments would be prohibited from operating in town. This is also known as "Opting Out." We are allowed to prohibit Adult Use businesses but not medicinal establishments. Those must be allowed.
<u>PROCESS</u> A By-Law amendment is written and must be approved by 2/3 vote at Town Meeting.	<u>PROCESS</u> Let the moratorium expire and then allow applications for businesses to be submitted.	<u>PROCESS</u> A By-Law amendment is written and must be approved by a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting and a majority vote on a ballot question.	<u>PROCESS</u> A By-Law amendment is written and must be approved by a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting and a majority vote on a ballot question.

MARIJUANA BUSINESSES IN MORE DETAIL

Information from the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission regulations, 935 CMR 500 – Types of Marijuana Establishments. ***These are Adult Use (recreational) businesses. Medicinal establishments are a separate category.**

1. CULTIVATOR An entity licensed to grow, process, package and transfer to other MEs but not to consumers. Different tiers of licenses up to a 100,000 square feet of growing area. Entity may have 3 licenses.
2. CRAFT COOPERATIVE A jointly owned and democratically controlled Cultivator made of Massachusetts residents that abides by the principles of the International Co-Operative Alliance. Entity may have 1 license.
3. MANUFACTURER An entity authorized to obtain, manufacture, process, and package marijuana, deliver and transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other MEs but not to consumers.
4. RETAILER An entity authorized to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from MEs, deliver and sell marijuana and marijuana products to MEs and consumers. Retail locations accessible to consumers 21 years of age or older or part of a medicinal marijuana program.
5. RESEARCH FACILITY An academic institution, non profit, or domestic corporation that may cultivate, purchase or otherwise acquire marijuana to conduct research regarding marijuana and marijuana products.
6. TESTING LABORATORY An entity that does not hold any other type of ME license and is accredited to perform tests in compliance with the Department of Public Health protocols for testing marijuana and marijuana products.
7. TRANSPORTER One of several types of entities licensed to transport marijuana or marijuana products. Restrictions regarding holding other licenses apply.
8. MICRO-BUSINESS A co-located, small scale marijuana cultivator and/or product manufacturer with no more than 5,000 square feet of growing area. A majority of executives or members must be Massachusetts residents.

WANT MORE INFORMATION? Visit the Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee's page on newmarlboroughma.gov for more information on Marijuana Establishments, to find out what other towns have done, state regulations, and other useful links. Contact the CAHC Chair, Dan Doern, at 229-2440 or ddoern@mac.com.

WHAT IS THE CANNABIS AD-HOC COMMITTEE? The CAHC was created by the Planning Board and approved by the Select Board to research the town's options for Marijuana Establishments, share that information with the townspeople, gauge the townspeople's interest in which, if any, marijuana businesses are desirable to them, and advise the Planning Board of those findings. It works with impartiality and objectivity to fulfill that mission.