

Recreational Marijuana Task Force
City of Gardiner, ME
December 6, 2017 minutes (DRAFT)

Call to order/attendance:

Chair Terry Berry called this meeting to order at 6PM. John Shaw (proponent), Jaime Schorr (opponent), Jack McMillin (opponent), and Karen Tucker (opponent) were in attendance with Louis Siegel (proponent) and Curtis Ayotte (proponent) absent. Anne Davis attended as staff liaison. Chair Berry called a quorum.

Minutes:

Jack moved to accept the minutes of 09-05-17 and 10-03-17, with a second from John Shaw. There was no discussion and they passed unanimously.

State update:

The Governor vetoed the bill as it stood and the veto was not overridden. Jack wondered what our next step might be? Anne discussed a workshop that CEO Barb Skelton attended at Maine Municipal Association. Anne will forward along the documentation from that workshop. Members discussed reacting to the bill approved by voters.

Moratorium extension:

The City's moratorium has been extended until 5/3/2018.

Test labs:

John Shaw felt as if this topic was the one that he had the least concerns. Karen moved/John seconded to allow test labs in Gardiner. Jack expressed concerns about allowing an industry prohibited by federal law. Growers may be breaking the law by doing the testing outside of the state. Jaime suggested that the state may eventually control the testing.

VOTE: 3 votes to allow testing/1 against testing.

Social Clubs:

Karen moved to prohibit the creation of social clubs in Gardiner and Jack seconded the motion. John feels as if social clubs won't get much traction but that the committee should vote on the subject. He also suggested that it may become a niche market in Gardiner.

VOTE: 3 votes against allowing marijuana social clubs/1 in favor of them.

Report to City Council:

Terry explained to the committee that he would like a sub-committee/person to draft a report. Once a draft is complete, present it to the committee. The committee will review and vote to recommend the report to Gardiner City Council.

Jaime offered to write a draft report and send it along/edit it with the sub-committee that is comprised of Jaime, John Shaw and Karen Tucker. Terry asked that the report mention how very little public participation there was at the meetings. He feels that this speaks volumes of how residents feel about the subject.

Old/new business:

There was no other business.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6PM.**

Minutes transcribed by,

Anne Davis, Interim City Manager