

**City of Gardiner**  
**Recreational Marijuana Task Force Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6pm**

**Minutes**

- 1.) **Call to order in Council Chambers-** Chair Terry Berry called meeting to order at 6:05 pm
- 2.) **Members Present:** Chair: Terry Berry, John Shaw, Louis Sigel, Jack McMillin, CEO: Barbara Skelton, Interim City Manager: Anne Davis, Executive Assistant: Robin Plourde.  
Members Absent: Jaime Schorr, Karen Tucker, Curtis Ayotte and Police Chief Jim Toman.
- 3.) **Vote to approve Minutes from 09-05-17.** Unable to vote, there was no quorum. Tabled until next meeting.
- 4.) **Update on state rules for recreational marijuana.** Louis Sigel: the tax will be in 2 parts: 10% sales and 10% excise. Not tied to price by weight. Anne: Where does money from the excise tax go? Louis: 5% of sales tax from retail sales goes to the municipality. 1% of the License fee goes to the municipality. The municipality sets the licensing fee. 6% of revenue goes to education and public health and 6% of revenue also goes to police training.
- 5.) **Discussion of marijuana test labs in Gardiner.** Louis Sigel: I welcome them. Jack: Where are the labs located in Maine? Louis: they are in Topsham and Manchester. Anne: What do they test for? Terry: Mold, THC, Pesticides, what it's compromised of. Barbara: People (caregivers) are ready to transition. John- I'm less concerned about labs, not a lot of impact.
- 6.) **Discussion on Social Clubs:** John: Aren't they mute until 2019? Anne: yes but you should still give council your recommendation on it. Curtis: We should bring it to City Council at that time. Each application should be done individually. Louis: Social clubs will exist, we can't pretend they won't, they need to be regulated. Terry: Our plate with it being as full as it is, let us revisit this in 24 months, let's wait until the state is ready. Anne: the next meeting you could vote on Social Clubs.
- 7.) **Potential vote on recommendation for allowing marijuana test labs in Gardiner.** Anne: table until next meeting.
- 8.) **Potential vote on recommendation for allowing marijuana social clubs in Gardiner.** Anne: table until next meeting.
- 9.) **Discussion of report to Gardiner City Council.** Anne: I will recommend to City Council an extension of the moratorium at the next council meeting.
- 10.) **Motion to adjourn** made by John Shaw, second by Curtis Ayotte. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:05

**Submitted by:**

Robin Plourde