

City of Gardiner
Recreational Marijuana Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 6pm

Members Present: Terry Berry, Louis Sigel, Curtis Ayotte, Karen Tucker, Jamie Schorr, John Shaw, Jack McMillin, Interim City Manager –Anne Davis, CEO Barb Skelton, Executive Assistant Robin Plourde.

Holly Kiidli- Healthy Community of the Capital Area.

Motion made by Karen Tucker for Holly to address the committee, second by Curtis Ayotte. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Holly- I have received permission from Superintendent Pat Hopkins to share marijuana survey results from MSAD 11 for 2015.

Jack- was there participation from all 4 classes at the high school?

Holly- yes

Holly- We have seen big data jumps in the last few years, kids think it's ok to use marijuana, they have the impression it is safe.

Terry- we in the community are aware of a big social change, the question is how do we direct it?

Curtis- regarding the stats from the high school, how much time are the students given to take the survey?

Holly- 1 to 3 hours

Curtis – Are the parents notified?

Holly- Yes, and it's up to the school on how the test is administered.

Louis- Do you have access to 2016-2017 test results?

Holly- No, they only do the test every 2 years, it takes a long time to get the results.

Jack- So the increase availability has been shown to influence children to use?

Holly- Yes

Louis- if we have Marijuana outlets that are being allowed by the state and got ½ the fees that they are charging, what kind of funding do you need to educate people?

Holly- We would educate people on how to deal with policy development.

Barbara Skelton- I have heard that some of the State Committee members are going to Colorado.

Terry- How do we want to present to the council?

Curtis- We do agree on some things.

John – Are we recommending yes or no?

Anne- Council would look over your proposal and hand over to Ordinance Review Committee.

John- Can this group make recommendations to the Ordinance Review Committee?

Anne – No

John – What do we agree and disagree on- and go from there.

Anne- we have to wait and see what the state says.

Terry- how many are in favor of stating their opinion in the next 5 minutes?

All committee members raise their hands.

Terry- Retail with regulations in place?

Vote is 5-1 for retail with regulations in place.

1. Present to City Council: Retail s/b allowed.

Ordinance Review Committee, Planning Board and the City Council should take into consideration these 3 steps: regulating, location and the business district.

Barbara: The Ordinance Review Committee will be dealing with this subject a lot.

John- We are making nice progress.

Barbara- Cities and towns can limit the number of licenses that are given out.

Karen- I feel like we are done with retail sales.

Louis- We should tell the council we would like Gardiner to be prepared to approve licenses and to follow-up with Holly on what funding is needed for educating purposes.

Terry- The next meeting is September 5th at 6pm. We will discuss Social Clubs, Production and Testing's/Labs.

Motion to adjourn made by Curtis, Second by John. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Submitted by Robin Plourde