

Article xx - AMEND ZONING BY-LAWS: MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Duxbury Zoning Bylaws by deleting Article 600 Section 617, which has expired on its own terms, and inserting in its place the following section under **ARTICLE 600 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS**, as follows:

617 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

There is hereby enacted a temporary moratorium on the location of any marijuana establishment, as defined in MGL Chapter 94G, Section 1(j), in any zoning district. The temporary moratorium will end on June 30, 2018 unless this moratorium is sooner repealed by Town Meeting upon recommendation of the Planning Board. The moratorium enacted by this paragraph will provide Town boards and officials sufficient time to determine the best way to regulate facilities that grow, process and sell marijuana for non-medical use in light of the enactment of the Initiative Petition for the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act effective December 15, 2016 and regulations relating thereto promulgated by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Explanation: The moratorium enacted by this paragraph will provide Town boards and officials sufficient time to determine the best way to regulate facilities that grow, process and sell marijuana for non-medical use in light of the new law allowing recreational marijuana use in Massachusetts. The Duxbury General Bylaw Section 7.6 maintains a prohibition against consumption in public places and allows towns to ban possession and use on public property.

A two thirds vote of Town Meeting will be required to approve this article.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted ___ to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted ___ to Recommend