

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Meeting

Meeting Date: April 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Location: Wayland Town Building

YAC Members Present: Ms. Sarah Greenaway (Chair), Det. Tyler Castagno, Rev. Ted Crass, Ms. Corrie Dretler

Also Present: Ms. Mary Antes, Board of Selectmen; Ms. Julia Junghanns, Director, Health Department; Mr. Sarkis Sarkisian, Wayland Town Planner; Youth Officer Shane Bowles, Dr. Lynn Dowd, Mr. Jason Verhoosky, Ms. Jane Purser

Not Present: Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Dr. Malcolm Astley, Ms. Lisa Raftery, Ms. Brenda Ross

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from 3/31/17: Deferred
3. Special Topics
 - Update: Town Meeting article proposing marijuana retail establishment moratorium
Review Town Meeting process and vote
Consider options moving forward
4. Board Updates
 - Reporting in from the community
5. Other items?
6. Public comment
7. Confirm next meeting date and time

The meeting was brought to order by Sarah Greenaway at 9:10 a.m.

1. Welcome
 - Attendees introduced themselves around the table.
2. Minutes from 3.31.17 were deferred until 5/5/17 meeting
3. Special Topics
 - Article 9: Non-Medical/Recreational Marijuana Moratorium – Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Attendees shared their surprise at the outcome of the vote on Article 9, and were in agreement that many voters did not understand the context, content, or importance of the article, based on subsequent conversations with town residents after Town Meeting closed. The need for an errata sheet, low turnout, and complexity of the issue were some of the factors involved.

A wide ranging discussion then ensued about how to proceed. Possibilities include:

- Calling a special election this fall. It would open the opportunity to let the Town vote to “opt-out” of issuing licenses for marijuana businesses
- Placing another article on the warrant for the likely Fall Town Meeting, either as a zoning article or as a regulation.
- Placing a referendum question on the ballot in a Spring Election to see if the Town wishes to “opt-out.”
- Submitting one or more articles on the warrant at the Annual Town Meeting next spring, through zoning or regulation initiatives.

Attendees agreed that significantly more community education should be done so that voters understand clearly what the stakes are in permitting/not permitting marijuana businesses to operate within the Town boundaries, including potential revenue and costs; experience of other towns that have issued licenses; nature of the various types of businesses; forms of THC that will be available, including edibles; burden on Town services; and impact on families and children.

3. Board Updates

- a. Reporting in from the community: Deferred

4. Other items – none suggested.

5. Public comment

Youth Officer Shane Bowles pointed out a recent report that rated Wayland as the safest community in Massachusetts and the third safest in the US.

6. Confirm next meeting dates and times

Friday, May 5 at 9 AM

Friday, June 2 at 9 AM

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lynn Dowd, Psy.D.