

The Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee would like to know what you think about Adult-Use (recreational) Marijuana Businesses coming to New Marlborough. Your responses to the survey will help the Town determine the next steps in addressing adult-use marijuana businesses.

SUMMARY of our options:

(Personal growing and consumption are both legal in Massachusetts and would not be affected by the adult-use marijuana business options below.)

A. PROHIBIT ALL adult-use marijuana businesses from operating in town (Opt Out).

If you would like to keep all adult-use marijuana businesses out of NM then a bylaw amendment is written to ban all adult-use businesses so none could open or operate. It must pass by 2/3 at Town Meeting and a majority on a subsequent ballot vote. We cannot, by state law, ban medicinal marijuana businesses.

B. ALLOW ALL adult-use marijuana businesses to operate in town.

If you would like to allow all adult-use marijuana businesses to operate in NM there are two ways to do that.

1. Write new custom bylaws to specifically regulate marijuana businesses. This means that new bylaws would be written that would govern all adult-use marijuana businesses. This would give the Town the ability to limit the number of businesses, zone to restrict location, create setback, aesthetic and lot coverage standards, control signage, and regulate some operations. It would allow the Town to implement and require a thorough, standardized special permit application process that could include reports on water, light, odor, noise, traffic impacts, and other information.
2. Rely on the existing bylaws and the special permit process. This means that applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and any conditions placed on a business would be at the discretion of the Select Board. The existing bylaws give the Town the right to control signage, and regulate some operations. Additional conditions (i.e. setbacks, aesthetics, lot coverage) and submission requirements could be sought by the Select Board from a project and would be negotiated with the applicant. If no new bylaws are written by the moratorium's end all adult-use marijuana businesses would be allowed and governed this way.

C. ALLOW SOME TYPES and PROHIBIT SOME TYPES of adult-use marijuana businesses in NM.

If you would like to allow some adult-use marijuana businesses but not others, then we PROHIBIT some types as in Option A and ALLOW some with either Option B-1 or B-2. The 8 state-regulated businesses are:

1. Cultivator - Grows, processes and packages marijuana indoors, in greenhouses, or outdoors.
2. Craft Cooperative - A jointly and democratically owned grower made up of small-scale local farmers.
3. Product Manufacturer - Obtains and processes marijuana into products such as edibles and oils.
4. Retailer - Sells marijuana and products to consumers from a physical retail store.
5. Research Facility - Grows or acquires marijuana to conduct research on marijuana and products.
6. Testing Laboratory - Performs tests (THC levels, pesticides, mold, etc) on marijuana and products.
7. Transporter - Delivers and transports marijuana, products, and money to other marijuana businesses.
8. Micro-Business - A small-scale grower and/or manufacturer made up of Massachusetts residents.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Go to <https://vimeo.com/291986881> to see the video of our first informational meeting.
- Go to our page on the town website:
http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov/Pages/NewMarlboroughMA_BComm/Cannabis/index
- Contact Dan Doern, Chair of the Committee, at NMCAHC@gmail.com or 413-229-2440
- Come to our second informational meeting on November 3, 2018 at 10 am at Town Hall.

PREFER TO TAKE THE SURVEY ONLINE? KNOW OTHERS WHO WANT TO TAKE IT TOO?

GO TO: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nm-cannabis-survey>

Your opinion is important. PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY BY NOVEMBER 9, 2018