

**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 6:00PM
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 114**

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:04pm by Committee Chair Rairdon.

Councilors Present: Lynda Adams (Ward 5); Ann Peoples (At-Large); Gary Rairdon (Ward 4); John O'Hara (At-Large/Vice President); Brendan Rielly (Ward 1/President)

Councilors Absent: Victor Chau (Ward 2); Councilor Turcotte (Ward 3)

Other City Officials Present: Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Natalie Burns (City Solicitor); Jennie Franceschi (Director of Planning and Code Enforcement); Angela Holmes (City Clerk); Michael Sanphy (Mayor)

MARIJUANA REGULATIONS

Committee Chair Rairdon invited Mr. Bryant to provide Council with an overview of the discussion topics.

Mr. Bryant stated that the Planning Department is seeking guidance from Councilors as to how they wish to proceed with the regulation of adult use marijuana. Municipalities' authority over the regulation of medical marijuana is largely limited to land use, while they have more authority over the development of policies relating to adult use marijuana.

Ms. Franceschi noted that the Planning Board has recommended that should adult use marijuana be allowed in Westbrook dispensaries should be located only in the Commercial Gateway Zone, and that grow facilities should be located in the Industrial Park districts only. Per a request from President Rielly, Ms. Franceschi will look into whether or not grow facilities could be limited to a single Industrial Park area.

Ms. Franceschi and Ms. Burns presented information to City Council relating to adult use marijuana and the status of State regulations, specifically noting what municipalities can or cannot regulate on a local level. She further presented Councilors with five definitions/categories of adult use marijuana uses, noting that Council has the authority to adopt some, all or none of the proposed uses, thereby regulating such activities in Westbrook.

Ms. Franceschi further noted that medical marijuana grow facilities are currently in operation in Westbrook. Council will be presented with legislation on January 22nd restricting these facilities to certain zones.

The following individuals presented comments and/or questions to Ms. Franceschi and Ms. Burns:

- President Rielly
- Councilor Adams
- Councilor Peoples
- Committee Chair Rairdon

Members of the Committee of the Whole agreed that they are not in favor of allowing the proposed uses.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:44pm.

Moved by Councilor Peoples, seconded by Vice President O'Hara.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.