

Woodstock Cannabis Commission Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2021  
Meeting via Zoom  
Minutes taken by Seton McIlroy

In attendance: Phil Robertson, Devon Kurtz, Lisa Lawlor, Frank Horneck, Tory Littlefield, Seton McIlroy, Barbara Simmons, Jesse Jesiolowski

Meeting called into session at 4:02pm.

First order of business is to review an op-ed written by Tory that is scheduled to be submitted to The Vermont Standard.

Lisa Lawlor recommended clarifying the term “sale” by adding “retail”.

Tory Littlefield spoke with Nikki Nourse about putting retail cannabis Q&As on the town website prior to the February 9th public information session. Nikki said she will post the documents on the homepage of the Town of Woodstock website.

Devon Kurtz recommended that the op-ed includes a clarification that the only tax the Town/Village would receive from the sale of retail cannabis would be if the 1% sales and use tax is approved by the voters in March.

Devon Kurtz asked if the Town/Village can make any rules specific to retail cannabis shops. Tory responded that any zoning rules would have to govern all retail, not just cannabis.

Lisa Lawlor said the website for the State Cannabis Control Board should be added to the op-ed so people can go there if they have further questions.

Seton McIlroy asked if the requirement to keep cannabis sales 500 feet from “Drug Free School Zones” included preschools and/or daycares. Devon Kurtz looked it up and thinks that it is just K-12 schools. Tory Littlefield will contact the Cannabis Control Board to ask.

Lisa Lawlor suggested that the Op-Ed be signed by all members of the Woodstock Cannabis Commission so the public knows who to reach out to with questions.

The group then moved on to review a fact sheet created by Lisa Lawlor that will go on the town website and be used during the public information session on February 9th.

The group will each take a section of the fact sheet to edit and share with the group at the next meeting. The assignments are as follows:

Youth Prevention - Tory Littlefield

Licensing - Seton McIlroy

VT Cannabis Control Board - Lisa Lawlor

Economic Impact - Lisa Lawlor, Phil Robertson and Devon Kurtz  
Public Safety - Frank Horneck

Jesse Jesiolowski, a current cannabis cultivator from Maine who plans to move to Woodstock, introduced herself and said she logged on to learn more about how Woodstock was planning for retail cannabis.

Devon Kurtz asked the group what the role of the Woodstock Cannabis Commission is after the vote on retail cannabis in March at Town and Village Meetings.

Tory Littlefield responded that the group will dissolve after the March vote. Seton McIlroy added that the group is intended to stay together after Town and Village Meetings if retail cannabis is approved by the voters. Tory responded that according to the Selectboard meeting minutes, the group is to dissolve. Seton said she would follow up with Selectboard Chair Mary Riley to clarify that the group is to stay together after the vote.

The Woodstock Cannabis Commission will meet next on Wednesday, February 2nd at 4pm via Zoom.

Lisa Lawlor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seton McIlroy seconded the motion.