



TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT 06443

MEETING DATE:

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

MEETING PLACE:

Zoom

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Ad-Hoc Marijuana Legalization Advisory Committee
Minutes**

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing

Chair Bruce Wilson called the Public Hearing of Tuesday, March 15, 2022 to order at 7:02 p.m.

Bruce Wilson presented a PowerPoint slide deck detailing the Charge of the Committee and the work the Committee intends to undertake. A copy is attached to these minutes.

During the meeting, the 6 members of the public were asked to answer anonymous questions meant to be a guide for future review as follows:

1. Should Madison allow retail marijuana sales?

Responses:

No – 3

Not Sure – 1

Yes – 2

2. Should Madison allow commercial production or growing?

Responses:

No – 3

Not Sure – 1

Yes – 2

3. If allowed by law, should Madison enact minimum distance rules for sales and production?

Responses:

No – 0

Yes – 6

4. If retail sales are allowed in Madison, should the town specify where sales tax receipts go?

Responses:

No – 2

Yes – 4

5. Do you understand what the "legalization of marijuana" means in CT?

Responses:

No – 0

A little but not everything - 3

Yes – 3

6. Should the Town take a primary role in public education regarding marijuana?

Responses:

No – 2

Yes – 4

7. Do you plan to use marijuana now that it is legal?

Responses:

No – 5

Maybe, I have not decided – 1

Yes – 0

There being no objections, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines

Town Coordinator / Risk Manager



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Ad Hoc Marijuana Advisory Committee

March 15, 2022 Public Hearing



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- Citizen Members at large
 - Erin Girard
 - John Dobson
 - David Courtney
- Board and Commission Members
 - Fillmore McPerson, BOF
 - Maryanne Connelly, BOE
 - Giselle McDowell, P&Z
 - Mark Steffan, ECD
 - Bob Xeller, MYFS
 - Ann Rumberger, MPC
 - Bruce Wilson, BOS
- Staff Liaisons
 - Paula Carabetta, HR
 - Catherine Barden, MYFS
 - Doug Harkins, MPD
 - Erin Mannix, Planning Dept.
 - Trent Joseph, Public Health
 - Lauren Rhines, Town Risk



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MLAC Charge

The committee shall prepare a recommendation for the conditions of use and sale of marijuana within the Town of Madison, including but not limited to:

- Regulations on usage on Town-owned or public property, including fines or penalties for consumption on public property, if applicable
- Establishment of municipal sales tax on the sale of cannabis
- Recommend Zoning regulations or ordinances governing cannabis establishments
- Regulations for usage by Municipal employees
- Law enforcement guidelines
- Policies and programs for Prevention/ Youth Services



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The Committees work breaks out roughly into three categories:

- Public Policy
 - Things that will directly affect residents in their daily life
- Public Education
 - Steps we need to take to make sure everyone has the information they need to make personal choices
- Internal Municipal Policy
 - How the Town will manage the new laws as an employer



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Public Policy:

- How are we going to regulate commercial operations in Madison?
 - Retail Sales and Growing Operations
 - Allow or not
 - If we allow, where and how many
 - Establish a 3% municipal sales tax per legislation
 - Designate use of any future revenues
- How are we going to regulate consumption on town property?



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Public Education:

- What exactly is legal?
 - What are the consequences of breaking the law
 - Where is it allowed and not allowed
 - What is MPD doing to adjust to this new reality
- What is our outreach strategy?
 - Public health outreach initiative
 - MYFS outreach initiative



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Madison as an employer:

- HR Policy
 - Identify need for inclusion of marijuana in existing policies
 - Recognize different classes of work
 - Harmonize with collective bargaining agreements



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Marijuana is legal in Connecticut and it is up to us to determine, together, how to manage it's safe and responsible consumption in our community. As part of that planning:

We need to address the things that directly affect residents in their daily life.

We need to make sure everyone has the knowledge to make informed choices.

We need to stay current as an employer

We need to hear from you!



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Thank you for joining us this evening!

Questions?