

**Town of Cape Elizabeth
Ordinance Committee Minutes**

June 13, 2017

12:15 p.m.

Town Hall

Present: Patty Grennon, Chair
 Caitlin Jordan
 Kathy Ray

Staff: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner, Police Chief Neil Williams

Councilor Grennon called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May 30, 2017 meeting were approved by a vote of 3-0.

Public Comment

No member of the public was present.

Marijuana Regulations

The committee began with a review of the draft Marijuana Ordinance. Councilor Grennon asked about the title and Ms. O'Meara said the title tracked the terminology in the referendum. The committee agreed to parallel the state referendum terminology and made clear the intent to restrict marijuana cultivation, manufacture, testing, retail sales and social clubs. Based upon advice from the Town attorney, the committee agreed not to address the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries in this ordinance.

The committee reviewed the draft memo and agreed to delete references to medical marijuana dispensaries.

Police Chief Williams was asked for his impression. He said the ordinance buttons everything up and is the same direction other suburban towns are heading. He noted the recent news report of an odor complaint in a new development in Scarborough.

Councilor Ray supported references to odor in the cover memo. Councilor Jordan said she had read about carbon filter air scrubbers that might mitigate odor impacts. Councilor Grennon learned that there are organic, non-butane ways to make tinctures.

At the close of discussion, the committee voted 3-0 to recommend the ordinance and memorandum (with amendments) to the Town Council.

Next meeting

The committee agreed to meet on Tuesday, July 11th at noon, at which time Plastic Bag and PSFoam Ordinances will be reviewed. Representatives from the Recycling Committee and Bob Malley, Public Works Director, have been invited and will attend. The committee will consider adding items to this agenda if they are referred by the Town Council at the July 10th meeting.

Future meetings were scheduled for August 8th and August 15th, both beginning at noon.

Public Comment

No member of the public was present.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.