

## 01/16/20 Cannabis Committee Meeting

Attending: Andrew Stoddard, Rick Lotuff, Richard Fly, Bill St. Croix, Keith Krukas and Jon Hogan.

Also attending: Kristen Aiesi from Curaleaf, who will be managing Curaleaf's Ware retail cannabis site.

Minutes from the two prior 9/26/19 and 11/13/19 Cannabis Committee meetings were reviewed and approved, though Keith Krukas abstained from approving the 11/13 minutes due to his not being present.

The Committee asked Kristen for an update re Curaleaf's Ware site and she said that they are pretty much prepared to open, but are still waiting on final approval from the CCC (Cannabis Control Commission).

Keith Krukas who also serves as a Selectman for the Town of Ware, said that he will bring this concern (the CCC's moving so slowly) to his fellow Selectmen's attention with the hope of their writing a letter to the CCC to nudge them along re both Curaleaf and B'Leaf in Ware, who have both been approved for retail cannabis sales in Ware.

Andrew Stoddard shared with the group a memo that he received from Town of Ware Selectman Tracy Opalinski asking the Cannabis Committee to provide more detail re

the Town's current four Host Agreements re cannabis with the Cannabis Control Commission. It was noted that this information is already posted on the Town of Ware website, and the group suggested to Andrew that she refer Ms Opalinski to the Town website.

Richard Fly provided an update concerning his reaching out to Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley. He said that he had emailed Stuart but has not heard back. Mr. Beckley who had briefly attended the 11/13/19 Cannabis Advisory Committee meeting, had offered to contact the Town of Ware's attorney as far as possible conflict of interest concerns for Cannabis Advisory Committee members Andrew Stoddard and Rick Lotuff, both of whom have interests in Ware-based cannabis-related business. The Committee had also sought out Mr. Beckley re our wanting to formally change the name of our committee from the Cannabis Committee to the Cannabis Advisory Committee. We agreed to broach this again with Mr. Beckley.

Agenda items for our next meeting (which will be held on Thursday 02/20/20) will include:

Incorporating the Town of Ware's by-laws re cannabis onto the Town's website.

Continuing to advocate for changing the Committee's name to the Cannabis Advisory Committee.

Jon Hogan-recording secretary 01/28/20