

2/20/20 Cannabis Committee Meeting

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

Minutes from the 1/16/20 Cannabis Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Prior to our 2/20 meeting the Cannabis Committee members assembled at Curaleaf's new Ware retail cannabis site for a tour. Store manager Kristen Aiesi let the group know that pending the final inspection of the Curaleaf site which is scheduled for later in the week, the site should be open for business next month.

The Committee discussed the status of formally changing the name of our Committee from the Cannabis Committee to the Cannabis Advisory Committee. Keith Krukas let the group know that he discussed this with Marie Midura, the assistant to the Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley, who said that this should not be a problem.

Bill St. Croix said that similar to slow progress with the Cannabis Control Commission efforts to grow hemp in the area which has to be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture ("MDAR"), have been moving at the same frustrating pace.

Especially concerning social equity and micro-business applications Committee chair Andrew Stoddard suggested that the group draft a letter to the CCC and to MDAR alerting them to the slow progress contrasted to the success that bigger more corporate businesses like Curaleaf are having. (The three other sites in Ware that have host agreements with the CCC remain in limbo).

Next Cannabis Committee meeting to be held Wednesday 4/1/20.