

TOWN OF EASTON
MARIJUANA POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARGE

Whereas, the voters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts approved a ballot initiative in 2016 which legalizes the sale of marijuana in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, the law has been revised to include options not previously available to those communities that rejected Question 4; and

Whereas, the Board of Selectmen desire to be informed on the wide range of options on the matter, a Marijuana Policy Advisory Committee shall be formed.

Mission: To report policy advisories and/or recommendations for policy planning as it pertains to the passage of House Bill No. 3818 *An Act to ensure safe access to medical and adult-use of marijuana in the Commonwealth*, to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Planning and Zoning Board, and any other applicable public body.

Membership: Four (4) persons consisting of: one (1) Board of Selectmen representative member; one (1) Board of Health representative member; one (1) Planning and Zoning Board representative member; and the Police Chief or his/her Designee.

The Committee shall be appointed for a period of no more than one (1) year; however, that period may be extended for a specified period of time at the Board of Selectmen's discretion.

Tasks: The Committee shall:

1. Identify the potential impact of businesses that sell, grow, manufacture, or test recreational marijuana products;
2. Identify potential conflicts or vulnerabilities that may exist between the Town's position on Medical marijuana and Recreational marijuana businesses;
3. Identify potential impact of provisions within the law that allow for the growth of marijuana plants by individuals in their residences;
4. Identify and possibly suggest the promulgation of regulations and/or by laws and policies as they pertain to the regulation or prohibition of businesses that sell, grow, manufacture, or test recreational marijuana products.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 25, 2017