



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Council Order: O-2017-010

Introduced By: Councilor Edward (Ted) Haley
 Date Introduced: March 7, 2017
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Order O-2017-010

CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE TOWN COUNCIL ON RETAIL MARIJUANA ISSUES

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

Whereas, the language of the ballot initiative is unclear in some areas, ambiguously worded, and may be subject to further changes by the General Court and local communities; and

Whereas, the Town Council desires to hear a wide range of opinions on the matter of retail sales of marijuana in the Town of Bridgewater; and

Whereas, a number of local citizens have an expert viewpoint on the issues associated with marijuana;

Ordered that;

An ad-hoc committee to advise the Town Council shall be formed, appointed by the town manager and ratified by the Town Council, with a membership of up to ten town residents, to be appointed for a term not to exceed sixteen months.

The mission of the committee is to identify the issues associated with the retail sales of marijuana in the Town of Bridgewater and suggest possible solutions, including recommendations on the promulgation of ordinances and regulations. No formal report is required, but the committee should appear before the council at least every 3 months to provide an overview of the issues under discussion.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules & Procedures Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/21/17: Vote 3-0 to recommend with amendment.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, to approve the aforementioned Order by a Roll Call vote (9-0).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

 Ann M. Holmberg
 Town Council Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING