



Town of Natick

Town Administrator's Office

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: MARTHA WHITE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: UPDATE REGARDING PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY
DATE: 8/3/2017
CC: JAMIE ERRICKSON, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BRANDON MOSS, LEGAL COUNSEL

The primary updates regarding the proposal for development of a medical marijuana dispensary are as follows:

1. Jamie Errickson and I worked with Attorney Brandon Moss to draft an article for the Fall Annual Town Meeting asking for approval of a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments.
2. Jamie followed up with several of the individuals who expressed concerns regarding this proposal at the Board's last meeting, focusing on those who spoke to the proposal's impact on the industrial area to better understand the basis for their concerns and ensure they have a clear and accurate understanding of the proposal.
3. Jamie and I met with Rick Jennett to discuss how we might develop documentation regarding the impact of a medical marijuana dispensary on other businesses in the area. Prior to this meeting Jamie had spoken to the consultant who conducted our economic development study; he was not aware of any examples similar to our proposal and/or no such dispensary had been in place long enough to assess impact.
4. I've attached a recent Client Alert from Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehan regarding legislation recently signed into law by the Governor.