



# *TOWN OF NATICK MASSACHUSETTS*

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

## Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen  
From: M.Malone  
cc: B. Chenard, J. Townsend, Chief Hicks, J.White, T.Fields, K. Laughman, Esq.  
Date: August 16, 2019  
Re: Medical and recreational marijuana update

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### Medical marijuana

At this time and from what we know, the CCC is requiring that Bountiful Farms (BF) hold a community meeting. It is my understanding, that BF is now represented by George Richards. Jeff Barton of BF requested to go before the Planning Board for informational purposes while the issue of the community meeting was being discussed with the CCC. BF disagrees with the CCC that it is required to hold a community meeting. Special counsel for the Town, Katie Laughman, flagged issues with appearing before the Planning Board before actually filing for a special permit. I communicated the same to Mr. Barton, and his counsel has been in contact with Ms. Laughman. Town Administration, the Planning Board, and Ms. Laughman remain ready and willing to work with BF once a resolution between BF and the CCC is complete.

### Adult use recreational marijuana

Information regarding the process and timeline has been and continues to be available on our website. With respect to deadlines, earlier this year we anticipated to be accepting applications in Spring/Summer of 2019, however, that has been pushed back to the Fall, 2019. Ms. Laughman confirmed that best practices will be utilized based upon the experiences from other communities with the Request for Interest (RFI)/Request for Proposals (RFP) later this fall. Following, the RFI/RFP awards host community agreements will then be negotiated with the Town of Natick. <https://www.natickma.gov/1556/Regulation-of-Adult-Use-Recreational-Mar>