

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL



Rules & Procedures Committee Meeting

Committee Members:

*Shawn George, Chair
District 3 Councilor*

*Peter Colombotos, Member
District 5 Councilor*

*Frank Sousa, Member
District 7 Councilor*

Location:

Virtual Via Zoom

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Call In: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 940 4527 6777

Date & Time:

Monday, January 25, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes:
 - August 18, 2020
 - December 3, 2020
- C. Legislation Referred:
 - Order O-FY21-029: Place an Advisory Question on the April 24, 2021 Town Election Ballot
- D. Town Manager Goals - 2021
- E. Public Comment
- F. Adjourn



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Council Order: O-FY21-029

Introduced By: Councilor Wood
 Date Introduced: January 19, 2021
 First Reading: January 19, 2021
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-029

PLACE AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON THE APRIL 24, 2021 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, The Town Council may vote to place “nonbinding public opinion advisory questions on local ballots” pursuant to M.G.L. c. 53, Section 18A; and

WHEREAS, there has been a clear shift of public support for Adult Use Recreational Marijuana in recent years; and

WHEREAS, a nonbinding advisory opinion question does not change the current zoning or ban; and

WHEREAS, a nonbinding advisory opinion in the form of an election ballot question is a highly accurate method for polling the registered voters of Bridgewater:

THEREFORE, be it Ordered, that a non-binding advisory opinion question be placed on the April 24th Town Election Ballot with a Yes or No response available in this form:

“This non-binding question will not change any current zoning or general ordinances but serves to inform the Town Council of current public opinion.

Will the public support allowing the existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to apply for an Adult Use Marijuana Retailer License?”

Explanation:

Recent changes in many States and at the Federal level show that public support for Adult Use Recreational Marijuana has changed significantly since the Town Council enacted a ban against Retail Marijuana Shops. It is very difficult to measure the current opinion in the Town of Bridgewater through Social Media or other methods. This method, allowed by law, will accurately inform the Town Council of current public opinion without changing any current laws.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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