

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER



OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

APPROVED – 03/01/21 (3-0) Vote)

Rules & Procedures Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 01/25/21

Committee Members Present:

Shawn George, Member, District 3, Councilor

Peter Colombotos, District 6, Councilor

Frank Sousa, District 7, Councilor

Committee Members Not Present: No committee members absent.

Others in Attendance:

Jason Rawlins, Town Attorney

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Minutes

- August 18, 2020 - *No minutes presented for approval.*
- December 3, 2020

Motion: Councilor Sousa made a motion to approve which was duly seconded.

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

Sousa – YES, Colombotos – YES, George – YES. The motion passed 3-0.

Legislation Referred:

- Order O-FY21-029: Place an Advisory Question on the April 24, 2021 Town Election Ballot
Mr. Sousa spoke about home deliveries, expressing his opinion that citizens should have the opportunity to vote again. Mr. George expressed concern with wording of the question as it is specific to the company. Attorney Rawlins believes there is a clear question.

Motion: Mr. George made a motion to amend the question by striking "the existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to apply for an Adult se Marijuana Retailer License" and replacing with "retail sale of recreational marijuana in Bridgewater". which was duly seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Sousa has spoken to a number of citizens who do not want it downtown; many believe it should stay in the same area as the medical treatment facility. Mr. George pointed out if any movement came in the future, it would have to go through the same zoning process as in the past. This is simply an advisory question to assess support for reconsideration. We are not bound by anything. Councilor Colombotos pointed out it could be made more specific. Attorney Rawlins noted; it could be in more than one question.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment with results recorded as follows:

Sousa – YES, Colombotos – YES, George – YES. The motion to amend passed 3-0.

Motion: Councilor Sousa made a motion to recommend as amended which was duly seconded.

Discussion: None

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

Sousa – YES, Colombotos – YES, George – YES. The motion passed 3-0.

Town Manager Goals - 2021:

Mr. George would like to make a recommendation to the Council that this matter be referred to Strategic Planning.

Public Comment: None

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Colombotos. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sousa.

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

Sousa – YES, Colombotos – YES, George – YES. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.