

Draft Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Meeting
Meeting Date: June 22, 2017 at 9:00AM
Location: Wayland Town Building

YAC Members Present: Ms. Sarah Greenaway (Chair), Dr. Malcolm Astley, Det. Tyler Castagno, Reverend Theodore F. Crass, Ms. Corrie Dretler, Ms. Brenda Ross
Also Present: Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Dr. Lynn Dowd, Ms. Jane Purser, Mr. Jason Verhoosky
Not Present: Ms. Lisa Raftery

1. Call the meeting to order/welcome/hearts/minds
Ms. Greenaway called the meeting to order

2. The minutes of 6/9/17 were passed over due to lack of sufficient attendees from that meeting to approve them at that point in the meeting.

3. Special Topics:

Marijuana moratorium article for Special Fall Town Meeting

Recent developments in the state legislature's attempts to modify some aspects of the law passed by referendum were discussed.

The two versions of the moratorium article considered at Annual Town Meeting in April were compared and found to be virtually the same. A discussion then ensued about some modifications of the text, and important points to make the voters aware of in advance of the Special Fall Town Meeting.

Ms. Ross offered a motion to accept the article as written with the revisions discussed at today's meeting. Mr. Castagno seconded the motions, and the committee voted unanimously in support. The revisions include:

Clarification in the text under Finance Committee Comments of the timeline for license application (April 2018, if no moratorium) and 7/1/18 opening of retail stores if no moratorium, in the context of no settled body of regulations to apply on a state and local level as of this date. Address the tax structure.

In the arguments in favor of passage of a moratorium, include data on the towns that have passed moratoria and/or have opted out.

Include information about the ratio of liquor licenses to potential marijuana retail licenses.

Emphasize what is still allowed as provided by the referendum passed in November 2016.

Emphasize the findings of prevention science: perceived adult disapproval, perceived harm, decreased access.

Keep the focus on retail stores, rather than home grow and related businesses.

Clarify what the vote will mean (Vote yes to delay)

There was further discussion about education prior to the vote, with a potential postcard campaign mounted by interested citizens.

Dr. Dowd mentioned several topics for future discussion:

If the Drug Free Communities Grant funding is cut for FY18, we may need to draw up an article for Special Fall Town Meeting requesting funding for the most essential prevention functions.

Update on departmental restructuring process: The Personnel Board met on 6/19/17 to review job descriptions, but will make no decisions until its next meeting on 7/17/17.

A push for improved space for our prevention staff has not gotten results, and may need YAC support.

Approval for use of volunteers in the department:

Dr. Dowd conveyed the information supplied by Human Resources Director John Senchyshyn that the Town's liability insurance policy extends coverage to volunteers.

At this point in the meeting, Dr. Dowd excused herself from the room so that the discussion could continue without any ethical issues arising

Upon leaving the room Ms. Greenaway raised the need to discuss pros and cons for approving the ability to have volunteer clinical staff as part of Wayland Youth and Family Services; particularly, the ability for Dr. Dowd to maintain her current caseload on a volunteer basis.

At this time Dr. Dodyk raised the concern that she felt all clinical services should be provided by paid staff. This concern was raised to protect the value of staff time and the value of the service provided. This was agreed upon in principal by the group at large, but concern was raised by Ms. Ross, Mr. Crass and Mr. Astley about the continuation of care with current clients and the ability to honor Dr. Dowd's desire to offer continued service to her clients after her retirement date. In addition, Mr. Astley raised the concern of needing more information from Human Resources about what can and cannot be done in a volunteer capacity and if there is precedence for this type of transitional period.

At this time Mr. Castagno proposed the concept that the YAC take a vote to approve continued clinical services from Lynn Dowd for a specified window of 90 days post retirement. The group discussed this proposal and came to the agreement that this provided protection of the position, staff and client care.

At this time a vote was initiated by Ms. Greenaway:

"The Youth Advisory Committee votes to allow Lynn Dowd to maintain clinical service for the period of no longer than 90 days as a volunteer for the town of Wayland, for the purpose of transition"

Voting Results: six members voted in favor of motion, zero opposed, one member Abstained.

In addition to the vote, it was clarified by all members of the YAC that Dr. Dowd may continue with her clients after her final day with Wayland Youth & Family Services on a private basis if she so desires.

Next meeting date and time to be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Dowd
Sarah Greenaway

