

Forum

Pros & Cons of Marijuana Commercialization in Wayland

June 5, 2018



Agenda



1. Introduction

- Purpose
- Summarize work to date
- Introduce panel

2. Panel Presentations

- Town Officials: Pat Swanick, Chief of Police, Dr. John Schuler, Board of Health Co-chair, Janson Verhoosky, Director of Youth and Family Services
- Guest Panelists: Dr. Jordan Tishler, leading expert in the field of medical cannabis therapeutics; Dr. Eden Evins, Psychiatrist and Director of MGH Center for Addiction

3. Q & A

4. Wrap-up

Purpose of tonight's forum



Inform the public on the pros and cons of marijuana commercialization in Wayland

Solicit feedback



Timeline of Legalization in MA and Wayland

2008, Nov. Decriminalization of marijuana in MA

The Massachusetts Sensible Marijuana Policy Initiative decriminalized the possession of <1 oz. of marijuana only punishable by fine of \$100.

State election: YES: 53% NO: 37%

Wayland voters: YES: 69% (5577) NO: 29.8% (2435) BLANK: 1.9% (156)

2012, Nov. Medical marijuana legalized in MA

MGL Ch. 369, An Act for the Humanitarian Medical use of Marijuana, permitted medical marijuana up to 60-day supply for patients with state registration card.

Note: Communities were not permitted to prohibit registered marijuana dispensaries.

Note: Federal gov't still lists marijuana as Sched. 1 controlled substance with no medical value.

State election: YES: 63% NO: 37%

Wayland voters: YES: 62.6% (5199) NO: 33.4% (2778) BLANK: 3.9% (330)

2016, Nov. Recreational marijuana legalized in MA

Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2016 and MGL Ch. 94G *Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed*

State election: YES: 53.6% NO: 46.4%

Wayland voters: YES: 49.5% (4268) NO: 48.6% (4189) BLANK: 1.7% (151)

2016, Dec. Legislature delays implementation of Recreational Marijuana Act

Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016 revises the Act



Timeline of Legalization in MA & Wayland (cont'd)

2017, April **Wayland** Annual Town Meeting rejects temporary moratorium

on Registered Marijuana Dispensaries to allow time for:

- the State Department of Public Health to finalize the regulations,
- the Town to study the potential impacts on health, safety, and welfare; and
- the Town to develop appropriate regulations for use.

First vote: YES: 63.6% (159) NO: 36.4 % (91) motion does not pass by 2/3

Second vote: YES: 62.9% (185) NO: 37.1% (109) motion does not pass by 2/3

2017, July Massachusetts legislature passes comprehensive revision of Act (Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017)

2017, Nov. **Wayland** Special Fall Town Meeting accepts temporary moratorium through December 31, 2018

Vote: YES: 85.0% (549) NO: 15 % (97) motion passes by 2/3

2018, March Cannabis Control Commission ("CCC") finalizes regulations

2018, April Applications scheduled to be accepted by CCC

2018, June CCC will begin issuing licenses



Recent steps taken in Wayland regarding Marijuana Regulations

1. **Established working group:** Julia Junghanns (Health Director), Sarkis Sarkisian (Town Planner), Lea Anderson (Chair BoS), Sarah Greenaway (Youth Advisory Committee member), Jason Verhoosky (Director of Youth and Family Services), John Schuler (Chair BoH), Ira Montague (Planning Board member), Pat Swanick (Chief of Police), Jane Purser (Wayland Cares, Program Coordinator), Geoff Larsen (Building Commissioner) Beth Klein (Town Clerk)
2. **Meetings (3)** of the working group in April and May
3. **Town of Lincoln Pot Forum** presented by the Selectmen's Marijuana Study Committee April 25, 2018; attended by Julia Junghanns (Health Director) and Sarah Greenaway (member of Youth Advisory Committee). Video available on town website.
4. **Steps taken;** Town Planner presentation on Zoning Issues to Board of Health, Youth Advisory Committee and Planning Board. Presentation available on website.
5. **Update** to Board of Selectmen May 23rd.
6. **Forum on Marijuana - June 5th**



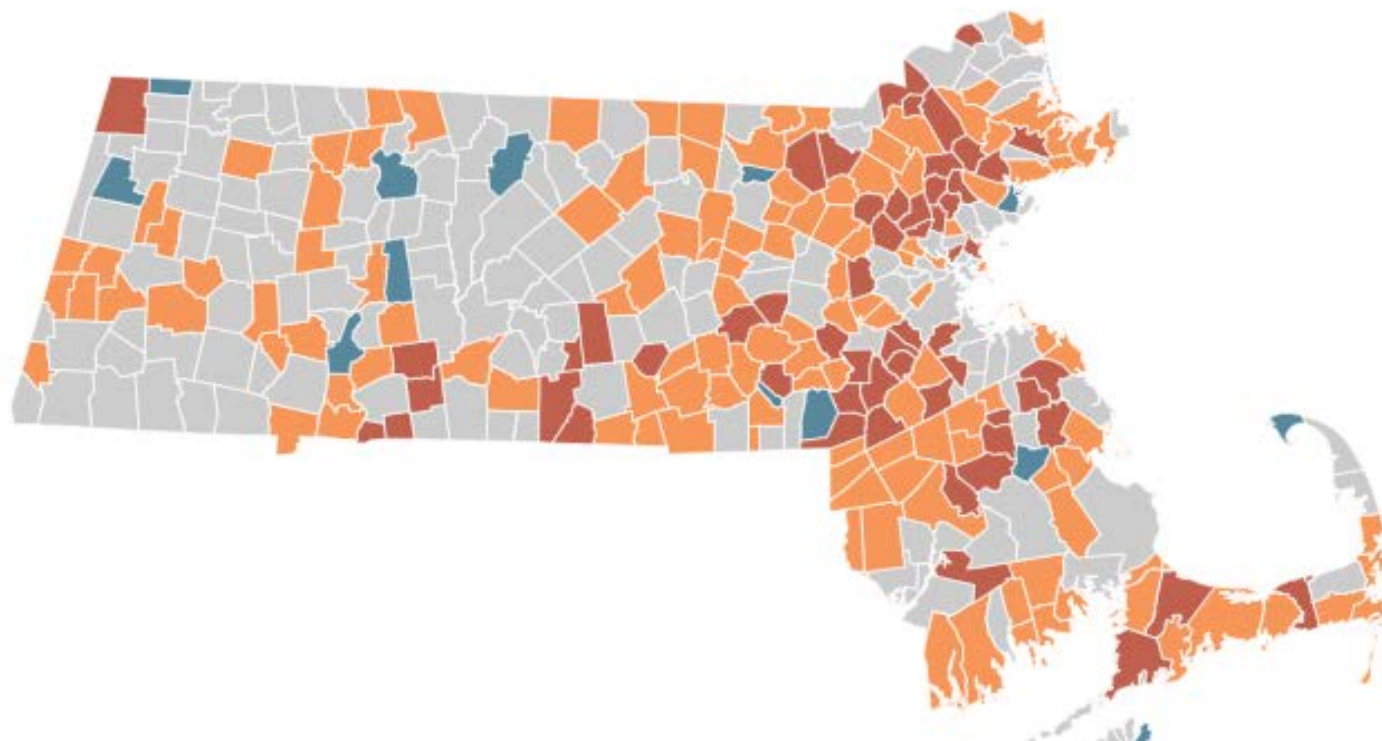
Options for Wayland

- **Do Nothing/Take No Further Action**
- **Enact a Full Ban**
 - Requires a vote at the polls (simple majority)
 - Requires a vote at Town Meeting (2/3 majority)
- **Enact a Partial Ban**
 - Through Zoning
 - Requires a vote at Town Meeting (2/3 majority)



Actions taken by other towns

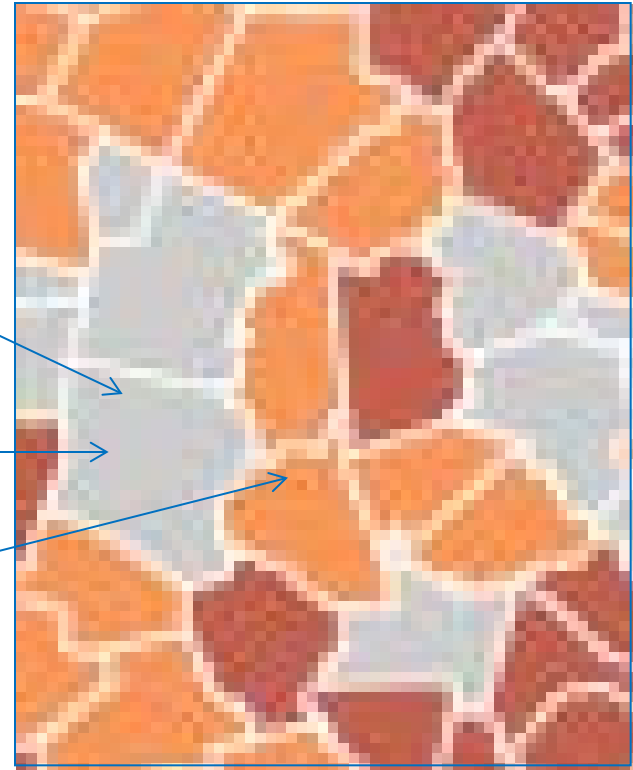
BAN **MORATORIUM** **ZONING** **NONE**





Establishments in other towns

- **Medical marijuana establishments**
- **Recreational marijuana sales establishments**
- **Accessory sales establishments**





Panel introduction

- **Pat Swanick, Wayland Chief of Police**
- **Dr. John Schuler, Wayland Board of Health Co-chair**
- **Jason Verhoosky, Director of Wayland Youth and Family Services**
- **Dr. Jordan Tishler, Cannabis Specialist**
- **Dr. Eden Evins, Psychiatrist and Director of the MGH Center for Addiction Medicine**



Next steps

1. **Public input** (Information session on pros & cons of Marijuana Commercialization June 5th)
2. **Board of Health consideration** (June)
3. **Planning Board discussions** (June/July)
4. **Draft zoning amendments?** (August)
5. **Planning Board public hearings on draft zoning amendments?** (September)
6. **Submit zoning amendments for warrant** (October 1st)