

MEMORANDUM

TO: Coventry Town Council

FROM: Coventry Planning and Zoning Commission EMT

DATE: January 13, 2022

SUBJECT: Cannabis establishment regulations

At its January 10, 2022 regular meeting, the Commission met with Atty. Rich Roberts to discuss the new CT General Statutes which permits a municipality to regulate cannabis related establishments. The meeting was fruitful and provided helpful guidance to the Commission and Staff on the matter.

After the discussion, it was the Commission's consensus, based upon the members who were present, that it wishes to proceed with the development of Zoning Regulations to permit and regulate cannabis establishments in Coventry.

The Commission respectfully requests for the Town Council to inform the Commission of its stance on this matter to insure that there is no conflict as the Commission proceeds with its work to consider draft regulations.

The Commission adopted a moratorium on cannabis establishments in October of 2021 and it is set to expire in July of 2022. This provides a window of time for the Commission to prepare and adopt regulations and not be subject to proposals until the regulations are considered appropriate and in place.

Members of the Commission and Town Staff are happy to meet with the Town Council to discuss this matter further if that is desired.

Thank you very much for your consideration on this important matter.