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To: Winslow Town Council

From: Winslow Planning Board

Date: June 21, 2023

RE: Proposal to amend the conditional use in the Conservation District to include marijuana cultivation facilities

Esteemed Councilors,

The Winslow Planning Board considered the request to amend the conditional use in the Rural District to include marijuana cultivation facilities at our June 21, 2023 public meeting. Mark Ward and Larry Desmond were not in attendance and so abstained from voting.

The Planning Board is issuing an "Ought to Pass" recommendation on this zoning change with a language amendment. The Planning Board recommends amending the proposed language to read, "Marijuana Cultivation Facilities, *including registered medical marijuana caregiver facilities*," due to the differing statutory requirements for caregiver facilities. The planning board recommends the amended conditional use by a 3 to 2 vote with Christopher Dawe and Elery Keene voting 'no'. The basis for this recommendation is that agriculture is a primary use in the Rural District and growing of crops is already allowed. Marijuana is an agricultural crop.

Sincerely,

Gary Owen, Planning Board Chair