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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 Mixed Use District to include recreational marijuana facilities

Esteemed Councilors,

The Winslow Planning Board considered the request to amend the conditional uses in the Mixed Use District to include adult-use recreational marijuana 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, but recommends altering the cultivation facilities 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 Steve Gagnon voting 'no'. The basis for this recommendation is that the Mixed Use District replaced the Commercial District and is the primary commercial zone in the Town. All four of the Town's existing medical marijuana facilities are sited in the Mixed Use district.

Sincerely,

Gary Owen, Planning Board Chair