

ST. GEORGE SELECT BOARD & ASSESSORS
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 2, 2017

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Members present were: Richard Bates, Chairman; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, Wayne Sawyer, and Tammy Willey. Also present: Tim Polky, Elizabeth Curtis, Terry Brackett, Bruce Hodsdon, Doug Shaffer, Sandra Roak, Rob and Margot Kelley, Anne Cox, Kyle Murdock and Ethan Linscott.

PUBLIC HEARING: General Assistance Ordinance Amendments

Chair Bates opened the Public Hearing at 7 p.m. and gave a summary of the ordinance. General Assistance is mandated by the state. The State reviews the GA policy yearly and usually makes changes to the rules and to the dollar amounts. Chair Bates said the town of St. George budgets approximately \$2,500 every year for General Assistance. He said the amount defined by the State for food went down from \$45.12 a week for one person to \$44.65 and households with children under the age of 5 did not change. Personal care and household supplies did not change. Another change is the eligibility for anyone who had been incarcerated. The old rule was the town where they were released from paid GA for the first 45 days. The new rule is the town they are in after their release is now responsible to pay GA.

R. Kelley asked if the town is required to follow the State regulations on eligibility and Chair Bates said yes. Polky said if the town did not, the town would lose their reimbursement which is 50%. Chair Bates noted that the Grange helps with fuel assistance. Kelley said he was interested from the Community Development Corporation perspective. Polky said it may be worthwhile to lose our 50% of the reimbursement, depending on the kind of program the town envisions. Kelley said very little of the \$2,500 set aside by the town, is used. Chair Bates said about half of that was used last year. M. Kelley asked if the town could set their own standards of eligibility, if they did not apply for the reimbursement. Polky said he believed the town could, but should be careful about being more generous than other surrounding towns as there could be an influx of people. M. Kelley noted that \$44 a week is 130% of poverty level right now in the United States. Chair Bates said people in organizations like Grange get to know who are in need, because they are a small, fairly close-knit community, and that seems to work. R. Kelley said he was pretty sure the Grange taps out the fuel fund every year. Hearing no additional questions or comments, Chair Bates closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Marijuana Ordinance (proposed)

Chair Bates declared the Public Hearing open at 7:15 p.m. He said the hearing was regarding the proposed prohibition of marijuana in St. George. Chair Bates explained why the Planning Board and Select Board felt that implementing a prohibition was the correct position to take, at this time. The ban would prohibit retail establishments and social clubs in five categories: stores, social clubs, cultivation, manufacturing and testing. This ordinance would have no effect on the current lawful use, possession, etc., of medical marijuana.

Chair Bates said many towns the size of St. George and larger have put in a prohibition and the purpose is to protect the town, from a legal standpoint, until the State has done their rule making. He said it is possible the legislature may vote on this towards the end of October, but then

Departments of Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery and the Dept. of Agriculture would have to work on their rule making.

Some towns have put moratoriums in place. The moratorium is valid for six months and can be extended for a subsequent six months. Unless there is something else in place, a business person could come to the town the next day (after the first six months or if renewed after the second six months) and demand action on a business application. From a legal point of view, the Select Board felt it is prudent to wait until the state has their rule making done. Chair Bates said that is why the Select Board and Planning Board are recommending that the voters, vote for a prohibition. He explained if at any time after the laws are clear and the feeling of the town is to change one or all of the five categories, then the Select Board could do that.

Anne Cox said the Planning Board felt it was prudent to wait until the State had clarity on the issue. The ordinance can always be revisited. R. Kelley asked if the town implemented an ordinance and the State got their rule making done, would the State rules automatically override the town's rules. Cox said the town would have to repeal the retail prohibition or propose another ordinance. Chair Bates said there was a Public Hearing last week and the legislature could vote as early or around October 23. Depending if the governor does a veto and what the legislature does, the State may have most of rulemaking done around March 2018.

Shaffer asked if they were discussing just retail or private use because people are allowed to cultivate at least six plants in their homes. He said he came to make sure that is what he would be voting on. Brackett said the ordinance is for retail only, it does not affect recreational or medical.

Hodsdon asked what was the worry if the Boards passed an ordinance now and then the State came up with something later. Hodsdon said he would look at it the other way: the town could change the ordinance after that if we needed to comply with the State. He said you have the same scenario. You can always change the ordinance. He was curious as what their concern was that would happen if the ordinance was passed to allow retail stores in town and then the state came up with something different?

Chair Bates said there is no state and local licensing in place. For example, the town cannot go to the state and tell them you want to start selling it.

Selectperson Hall said the procedures for collecting taxes are not in place. Hodsdon asked why it was being discussed if you cannot license it, why was an ordinance being passed prohibiting it. Murdock said that was a good point; it was paranoia. Hodsdon said he was just wondering; it seemed like an unnecessary step when you cannot license it and collect taxes to begin with.

Chair Bates said the advice of the Maine Municipal Association and their attorneys is the town should wait until the State's position is clear. Schaffer asked if the attorneys were lobbyists. Chair Bates said the MMA is a lobbyist for municipalities. Schaffer said we are listening to lobbyists and not listening to the voters. Chair Bates said November 7 is when the voters will make a choice. He said in his experience the MMA has given the town good advice.

Polky said it goes beyond licensing. It goes into some of the requirements of operations, i.e., how close can you be to a school, can you be open on Sunday, and can you be open after midnight? If there is a violation, who enforces it? The town does not have any enforcement or rules in place. As soon as the State does, the town will jump on board, especially when they have the enforcement part of it. Schaffer said, in the interim, no one can do anything about it anyway, so like he (Hodsdon) said, why are we having a vote. Polky said right now, yes, you can sell (Schaffer medical marijuana) and without this ban, you could get into the retail business. We would have no control over where it was being sold or how it was being sold.

Murdock asked just how difficult it would be for the town to put in a preliminary ordinance about how far you have to be from the school, what the hours of operation can be. We already have the noise and odor ordinance that would govern these things, so I would like to follow up on that. He said he took a little issue with saying the town will decide it in November because 54% of the town already voted in favor of passing legislation. Chair Bates said 52.9%. Murdock said that was still a majority of the voters to allow this legislation that made this legal and would give the town the last say in whether or not a business can come into the town. When it does become legal, it is not like I could go to the state, get a license and go to any town I want. The town still has to give a permit and if the town refuses to give a permit, the state licensee has 90 days to find another municipality that would take them before they lose their license.

Chair Bates said in November 2016 when there was the ballot question, it was a state level. The citizens of St. George voted 52.9% to 47.1%. The question was not whether it should be for sale in St. George. The question was should it be for sale in the state? Let's be clear that there are two different questions. He said he acknowledges that the majority of people in town felt this would be okay at the state level. He said there may be many towns in Knox County that will go ahead and permit it. That is the beauty of this local jurisdiction in the law. What was voted in November was at the state level not at the town level.

Murdock asked why it would be so difficult to create a few lines of ordinance governing those things that we do not want, like distance from the school, hours of operation. Chair Bates encouraged Murdock to put some lines together, bring that forward as a citizen and with the needed signatures (which is 143), or if you can persuade the Select Board, we can but there is a formal process for bringing ordinances like that, forward at the citizen level.

Selectperson Elwell said he was concerned about hours of operation and having to hire someone to enforce the ordinance as the Select Board would be putting a burden on the town to have a special person to enforce it. If it goes to the state level, then the state deals with enforcement. Murdock asked what the town did about liquor enforcement. Elwell and Willey said the State. Murdock said there are limitations that the town imposes on establishments that sell liquor that are stricter than state licensing. Who enforces that? Polky said the State still enforces it. Murdock said when he ran a bar and had their state liquor license, they could sell liquor until 1 p.m. and the town said we could only sell until 1a.m.; the state is the body that enforces that? Polky said that was not part of the liquor license. It would be part of the condition of the permit to have a restaurant and that is a land use regulation not a liquor regulation. Murdock said right and who enforces that? Polky said the Code Enforcement Officer enforces that. Our CEO is not certified to enforce alcohol, tobacco or in this case marijuana. Murdock said right but if we

permitted it that in terms of town ordinance and they were violating the town ordinance, it would be the CEO. Polky said the CEO would be land use. Chair Bates said it could be the CEO but these are issues of legislation and administration that is just not out there.

Murdock said the best estimation he had seen on the legalization for when licensing applications would become available, is next August. In that time period, anyone who wants to start one of these businesses and get a first mover advantage is going to have basically already scouted out their location and possibly have secured it at that point. A large cultivation facility will create 50 to 60 jobs that pay in excess of \$45,000 a year, each. Murdock pointed out that St. George would be missing out on any of those opportunities by enforcing this moratorium. Chair Bates said it was a prohibition.

A member of the public asked if it would be wiser to have the few small ordinances so the process would not have to be repeated later on. Sawyer said one of the difficulties is the Select Board does not know what the State is going to do. Until the Select Board and Planning Board knows what the State is going to do, it is not wise for us to do anything but say, "No," because the State may have regulations and requirements that if we have something between now and then, then we have to go back and redo it.

Selectperson Hall said that when you go through the background of all the literature that has been put out on all of the choices and possibilities of things that could happen, you look at this and there are things that I never thought or dreamed of, and until somebody sorts all this out, the municipality does not want to be in the position of not prohibiting and then having people come in all upset because somebody is doing this or somebody is doing that. Until this gets sorted out and a reasonable set of rules are outlined by the State, it just makes sense to say, no, let's wait until the State gets this in order.

Shaffer said it sounded like the Select Board is still listening to the lawyers' group when the 52% of St. George voted and already made their decision about this. If this is about our township, why are we listening to a lobbyist group that only might represent some communities in Maine but not all of them? Selectperson Elwell said at first the SB had already talked about it regarding what they were going to do and once they decided, then the SB called the lawyer to see how they could go about doing this. Selectperson Elwell reiterated this would be voted on in November.

Chair Bates said there are two different questions. The November 2017 vote is what we want to do in St. George. November 2016, the question was what do we want to do in the State? That was when all this was launched. That is important as there seems like some towns might be a lot more successful in social clubs and in the five parts, than others.

Murdock asked why prohibiting cultivation should be a part of this. Chair Bates said it seemed prudent given all the concerns that have been offered by a lot of people. Cox said that in her experience with State ordinances, they are the minimum. We, in St. George, can usually expand and impose more maximums. For instance, the issue of how far from the schools, the Board may stray into something that is inside of the minimums without knowing what the minimums are and we have that in place. Some of that wants to know what these minimum standards are, that we can then set our own standards. That was part of the Planning Board's wrestling with the issue

of phrasing an ordinance and needing that information. The same thing goes with cultivation. There is information that we do not have in terms of minimum requirements before we set our own requirements. Shaffer asked if it was more about zoning or more about just saying no. Cox said the school is an easy one to use but in terms of cultivation, what are the issues? We need the packet of information about what the issues are and security issues for one. Presumably the State has set minimums, so we need to know what they are. The Planning Board's thinking was would they be opening the town to all sorts of legal issues. The Planning Board will be revisiting this issue; it is not going to go away.

M. Kelley said she thought Cox was right, if the town said yes to anything right now, everything would have to be revisited in 6-12 months, anyway. Murdock asked if the vote fails what would the Select and Planning Boards next steps be. Chair Bates said they would need to get legal advice on this, if the vote failed. In terms of an overall prudent approach, it is to vote to prohibit these five categories until we understand what the State is going to do. Murdock thought the Board was only prohibiting three of the five categories. Chair Bates apologized but he meant to say all five.

Hodsdon urged the Select Board to consider amending the ordinance to say moratorium instead of prohibition. He thought moratorium was just a better word as the word prohibition feels like an attempt to stop it forever. He thought at least moratorium says the town has not made its mind up yet. He said when he hears the word prohibition, it sounds like a decision was made. He urged them to go back to consider amending the ordinance to say moratorium instead of prohibition.

Chair Bates said the problem about a moratorium is it is valid for six months, during that time you are expected to show some progress on your thinking and assuming progress has been made, you can extend it for another six months. The danger is if you have not shown progress in those six months, then on the next day after the six months has expired, a business can immediately apply. A lot of towns have gone the prohibition route, not because it is forever, but because if you have a moratorium, you do not close yourself from potential problems. Larger towns have bigger staff and lawyers to stay on top of it, but St. George does not.

Hodsdon said, tomorrow I could go to apply to open a retail establishment and there are no laws and no rules, I could open as long as I meet all the zoning requirements and the other planning ordinance. Is that true? Chair Bates said no. So how is that different than if you don't pass anything? You don't do anything? Chair Bates said once the state has got its legislation, then we are expected to have everything in place. Hodsdon said but between now and November, you are right in the same place you would be if you did not pass the ordinance, right? Chair Bates said that is true. Because nobody can do anything, that is fine but by having the prohibition in place from November on, then we are prepared, we are covered.

M. Kelley said she understood why Hodsdon was asking for a moratorium rather prohibition. If there is not a reason that you are not allowed to have language that is explanatory language before something that we vote on, maybe there could be a sentence or two saying this is the spirit behind this. We recognize this is something we might need to revisit in one or two years, so the

people would know this is not etched in stone. Chair Bates said yes, they could have some wording on flyers at the door, like we have done on other issues.

Murdock said with the prohibition, is it possible to set a reauthorization or sunset date? Chair Bates was not sure and asked Murdock what he thought would be appropriate? Murdock said if the Board wanted to say a year, I would not agree with it, but it would make him a lot more comfortable with it knowing that in one year, the town would have the opportunity to see the legislation, the opportunity at that point to see the rule making and know whether or not that is something we want to go ahead with or want to reauthorize.

Chair Bates said are we not back to the same situation? A year from now, another ordinance would have to get passed. The only difference, hypothetically, is in November 2018 there would be one that would end the prohibition on growing and a second one associated with growing would specify the issues of land use. There still has to be a change in the legislation when it expires. You would not want it to just fall off the table and everything would go.

Cox said in this case there is the unknown of when the State is going to be doing their work. We need to hear from them and we do not know when that is going to happen. She said the sentiment on the PB was to pay attention to when it happens and would be incumbent on citizens to say to the SB and PB, the State has made a decision, what are you going to do? The unknown is problematic. Murdock said it is like a longer moratorium. You have a re-off date that allows you to continue it or repeal it at that point but you have to do one or the other. You can't just keep riding the indefinite prohibition.

Chair Bates said the Select Board will discuss the results of the public hearing and may or may not change anything. Selectperson Willey said she has talked with a lot of people in town about this. People feel that if we start expanding the marijuana issue, that the town will be a microscope and they are afraid it would mess up the medical and recreational ordinance. They currently feel happy with the system in St. George and felt if anything bigger comes as a result of future state plans that it would cause issues for the medical and recreational use.

Hearing no other questions or comments, Chair Bates declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:48 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bruce Hodsdon said he has been working at the Coastal Recovery Community Center in Rockland. He has talked people from the CDC about starting up a Friends & Family support group in St. George to talk about addiction and is trying to find a location to meet. Hodsdon volunteered to serve on a committee or a group, if the Select Board decided to set one up. Chair Bates said that he and Polky met with Mike Felton and Rob Kelley last week on this issue. Selectperson Sawyer thought the more groups, the better.

REGULAR SESSION:

- Adjustments to Agenda: The following items were added to the agenda.
Under Old Business: -Retirement Benefits Plan

Under New Business: - Submerged Land Lease for 10 Cold Storage Road
- Wharf Permit Application for Rocky Point Road
- Act on the General Assistance Amendments. Correction this will not be on the November ballot; it will be acted upon at tonight's meeting.
- Marijuana Ordinance Public Hearing. Discussion whether the wording should be changed on the prohibition ordinance.

- Minutes: The minutes of September 18, 2017 were amended as follows:
Page 2, under Shellfish Committee, line 4, remove comma, change to read "hanging in there."
Page 2, under Planning Board, first paragraph after bullets, line 3, correct to read ...sub-division to **encroach** into the...
Page 3, under Supplemental Tax Warrants, paragraph 4, line 2, remove bold and change to read **in the amount of \$92.22** on...
Page 3, under Abatement, paragraph 2, line 1, remove bold and change to read **amount of \$92.22** was...
Page 3, under Update on CDC, line 4, change to read, It **can** own property.
Page 5, first paragraph, line 3 change to read ...later in the year, and **to be** done...

On a motion by Selectperson Hall, seconded by Elwell, it was voted 5-0 to approve the September 18, 2017 Select Board minutes, as amended.

- Communications:

- A letter was received from Larry Bailey on behalf of the Preserve Our Remarkable Town, Inc. group requesting the Planning Board adopt the changes to the St. George Ordinance which the town of Bristol wrote into their Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Chair Bates indicated the Planning Board had started working on this issue several weeks ago, and the Bristol attorney will hold a workshop on this.
- Chair Bates received an email from Steve Thomas requesting a meeting with him to discuss Aqua Ventus. Bates met with Thomas earlier today.
- Chair Bates received correspondence from Noel Musson indicating that the Comprehensive Plan would not be ready for public vote until sometime this winter.
- Letters to the Planning Board and the Town Manager were received from the attorneys on both sides regarding the Wyeth Reading Room. The attorneys requested copies be sent to the Select Board. Chair Bates said he did not send the letters to the Board, as it did not fall under the Select Board's jurisdiction; but he would email the letters to Board members, upon their request.
- Selectperson Hall said he received communication from Steve Thomas asking for a meeting. Hall said he would contact Thomas and try to meet with him this week.
- Selectperson Elwell said the Board members' names and phone numbers are on the town website, but asked if the public would not list their names and phone numbers on Facebook.

- Warrant: The warrant for the week of October 2, 2017 was reviewed and signed. The total expenses were \$182,886.91 and included payments to all the social and community services

annual payments of \$105,067 (paid the balance of the Ambulance Association, the Library and the smaller requests), and included two weeks payroll. Polky said that North Coast Services, LLC is the town's universal waste; i.e., the computers, the televisions, etc. He said the buy-back program on those items is not covered.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- MMA Convention: The town office will be closed on October 4, 2017 as the staff will be attending one day of the MMA convention. Selectperson Hall said he went last year and it was very interesting. Polky and Curtis will be going on October 5th.

- Update on Sound System: Polky has all the estimates, will coordinate them and will send Selectperson Willey a copy of those.

- Salt Shed: The sand has been delivered and the plan is to get Hager back to pave in front of the Salt Shed.

- Cross Culverts: Polky said there are a couple of culverts and driveways to do. He said they plan to put a shim on the head of Turkey Cove Road in front of Elmer Johnson's house up to Cynthia Chadwick's house as some of the road is breaking up.

- Committee Meetings:

Conservation Commission, Thursday, October 5 at 4 p.m.

Planning Board, Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. with a workshop being held at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Conservation Commission: Selectperson Willey said Polky, Wendy Carr, and the chair of the Solid Waste Committee met and worked on their action plan.

- Planning Board: There was a continuation of the August 8 Site Plan Review for the Wyeth Reading Room to review the remaining six Performance Standards in Section V of the ordinance:

- Vehicular Access
- Parking and Pedestrian Circulation
- Special Features and Operations of the Development
- Emergency Vehicle Access
- Municipal Services
- Lot Standards

All standards were met with the proviso that public access to the Reading Room was by appointment only. (The other 14 of 20 standards were approved or voted not applicable at the earlier meeting). The Board then reviewed their earlier 14 votes and confirmed them. Following this, the Board approved the application based on meeting all the performance standards of the ordinance.

- Comprehensive Plan: Selectperson Elwell said Musson reviewed the information they had worked on and are moving forward. Polky said one issue slowing the committee down is the State will not accept the plan without defined growth areas and it being shown on the map. Polky said the only place they can have growth areas is where there are areas of public water or sewage such as, Port Clyde and Tenants Harbor. They may be able to designate these as growth areas. As part of the town's long-range comprehensive plan, Polky suggested the town might start to think about having a public sewer system.

- Harbor Committee: Selectperson Elwell said the Harbor Committee will meet Wednesday, October 4th.

- Budget Committee: Selectperson Hall said the committee met, divided up assignments related to the town's spending history for the last five years, and scheduled a follow up meeting to discuss their findings. Curtis is working with the committee as the resource person because they will need detail as they go along. The committee also talked about the action plan. Hall said he saw a draft which looked good. Polky said he had received their action plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Certificates of Appointment: The Select Board reviewed and signed the Certificates of Appointment (Title 30, MRSA 2253) for the town committees. Appointments are effective through June 30, 2018.

- Retirement Plan (ICMA Deferred Compensation 457 Plan): The Select Board reviewed the revised retirement plan for town employees hired before and after 10/1/2017. The change for employees hired after 10/1/2017: The town will contribute 4% of the full-time regular employee's base pay to a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. Employees are encouraged to add to that amount, up to the legally allowed maximum; the first 4% of this employee contribution is matched dollar for dollar by the town. Employees may make a change once a year and grandfathered employees may switch to the new plan during the same time.

A motion was made by Selectperson Hall, seconded by Sawyer, to approve the revised employee retirement plan under Section 6.03 Retirement Plan (ICMA Deferred Compensation 457 Plan). The motion carried. The vote was 4-1(opposed).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Select Board Policy Manual Review: The Select Board Policy Manual, pages 3-26 were reviewed, proposed changes made, and the updated changes will be voted on at the October 16th Select Board meeting.

- Page 7, under bullet Temporary Changes, delete second sentence: those items requiring a temporary change in hours may include but are not limited to, Holiday weekends that occur at the end of the month, State and Federal elections.
- Page 9, under Town Manager, change his/her to their.
- Page 14, under Hyperlinks, line 3 and 4 change to read ... privacy practices from our website. Visitors to those linked websites should read the privacy statements of the other websites they visit.
- Page 15, under Posting of Events, line 5 correct to read ...Boards/Committees and the St. George Firefighters and Ambulance Association.
- Page 21, under Introduction, last bullet change to read ...five working days after the meeting date on which they were approved.
- Page 21, under Meeting Minutes, a. The recording secretary shall email a copy of the draft minutes to the Record's Officer at least one business day before the next Select Board meeting.
- Page 22, Other Boards, under c. change to read the recording secretary shall email approved minutes to the Record's Officer for posting on the town website and maintenance as public records. (Strike out the distribution to the Board.)

On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Willey, it was voted 5-0 to continue the Board meeting beyond 9 p.m.

- Lease to Firemen's Association – Property on Seal Harbor Road: Polky said the Firemen's Association has a grant and a loan from the USDA and some legal paperwork needs to be completed. The town will be working with James Brannan, Esq. to develop a lease on the Rt. 73 property with the Firemen's Association. The town will lease just the portion of the land. The proposed facility will be used for live fire training. Polky said the town voted to transfer the property back to the Association, but the deed was not done because rural development did not require a new deed at that time. Polky said the Association would like to pay the loan off in five years and at that point, it would be beneficial to everyone, if the town owned it. Chair Bates said during the pay-off time, the Association needs to make sure it has adequate liability coverage.

On October 2, 2017, a motion was made by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Elwell, to give the Town Manager the authority to work with an attorney and the Firemen's Association to develop a lease and sign a lease for property on Rt. 73, Seal Harbor Road on; when the loan has been paid off, the lease will expire. The motion carried, 5-0.

- Submerged Land Lease for 10 Cold Storage Road: 10 Cold Storage Road Property is currently listed under Konrad Ulbrich or the Ulbrich family. Polky said the town needs to file an application to have the name changed on the lease to the Town of St. George. Polky said because of Maine state law, anyone who uses or owns land that is seaward of the high water mark must get a submerged land lease from the Bureau of Parks and Lands.

A motion was made by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall, for the approval of the Town Manager to sign the Bureau of Parks and Lands lease application form on behalf of the St. George Select board members. The vote was 5-0.

- Wharf Permit Application for Rocky Point Road: The Select Board discussed the wharf permit application for 39 Rocky Point Road. The Planning Board on-site public visitation minutes will be forwarded to the Board, and the wharf permit will be acted upon at the October 16th Select Board meeting.

Town Manager Polky reviewed the Select Board's responsibilities for wharf permit applications.

- General Assistance Ordinance: On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Sawyer, it was voted 5-0 to adopt the amended General Assistance Ordinance for the Town of St. George.

- Marijuana Ordinance: The Select Board discussed the Public Hearing comments and questions regarding the ordinance. The discussion included having the prohibition versus having the moratorium, keeping the current prohibition in place, changes the Board could make, or how the public could present an ordinance to the Select Board. Some members felt it would be unfair for the Select Board to approve this on the local level, only to discover in a few months, the state rules are opposite to the town's rules. They discussed results of the vote on last year's ballot where 52% of St. George voted to allow marijuana in the State of Maine vs current town sentiment on having a marijuana retail business or businesses in St. George.

On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Willey it was voted 5-0 to approve the wording of the marijuana ordinance on the November 6, 2017 ballot, previously proposed by the Planning Board and the Select Board.

There being no further business, at 9:33 p.m. a motion was made by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Willey, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite R. Wilson
Select Board Recording Secretary