

Food Sovereignty Ordinance - Monday, February 10th 2020 at 6:30 pm - Gile Hall

State legislation permits municipalities to develop and implement a Food Sovereignty Ordinance to provide opportunities for direct producer to consumer sales of certain raw and processed foods in order to support local agriculture and expand consumer rights. The Select Board welcomes feedback on the issue of local food broadly as well as comment on a draft Local Food Ordinance.

- Selectperson Chris Sammons provide an overview of a proposed model ordinance.
- Members of the public may comment on the ordinance proposal, ask questions, and make suggestions.
- Board members will have an opportunity to offer brief remarks on the proposal and next steps to revise, refine, or restructure the ordinance for June public approval.

Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Opt-In - Monday, February 10th 2020 at 7:15 pm - Gile Hall

State legislation permits municipalities to opt-in and regulate various adult use and medical activities in the areas of retail sales, manufacturing, cultivation, and testing through local ordinances. If no action is taken they remain prohibited. The Select Board does not have a proposed ordinance developed and this is an initial listening session to obtain feedback on the issue of marijuana opt-in broadly. If marijuana opt-in ordinances are developed in the future then separate public hearings will be held.

- Selectperson Dennis Price will provide an approximate 10 minute overview of opt-in considerations and potential ordinance parameters.
- Members of the public may comment on what the board should consider or not regarding developing any opt-in ordinance proposals, ask questions, and make suggestions.
- Depending on the attendees' expressed areas of interest, the chair may elect to break down the discussion into topic areas for better flow.
- Board members will have an opportunity to offer brief remarks on the topic of opt-in concerns and considerations.

A Note on Public Hearing Discussions

- Generally members of the public will have three minutes to comment in an area of discussion. The chair may determine that time should be shortened to accommodate the level of interest in commenting.
- Every attempt will be made to hear from the floor broadly by taking turns to allow all who wish to comment an opportunity before going back to individuals who have previously commented.
- Commenting is reserved first for Readfield residents. Non-residents with business interests in town are also welcome to comment by identifying themselves by name and nature of their business. Advocacy groups or experts who are not Readfield residents should identify themselves to the chair prior to the hearing and may be recognized after residents have spoken or at the pleasure of meeting participants. All commenting is done at the podium and everyone needs to identify themselves.
- We have courtesy rules posted and appreciate in advance your consideration.