

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE

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TOWN COUNCIL

Public hearing June 12, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for: An Amendment to §300-50 C.2 of the Town Code, to allow marijuana cultivation facilities as a conditional use in the Conservation District by adding the <u>underline</u> text per the attached copy.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Winslow, as follows:

WHEREAS, Amending the Medical Marijuana ordinance to include adult-use recreational marijuana requires that adult-use recreational facilities be incorporated into the allowed uses in the zoning ordinance in the applicable districts; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is a principal use in the Conservation District under the Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the cultivation of medical marijuana was deemed to be an agricultural activity per Ordinance 04-2021 found under §164-4 J of the Town Code; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council to amend §300-50 C.2 of the Town Code, to allow marijuana cultivation facilities as a conditional use in the Conservation District by adding the <u>underline</u> text per the attached copy.

SPONSORED BY: <u>Administration</u>

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July 10, 2023	First Reading accepted	rejected
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CHAIRMAN:		
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§ 300-50 Conservation District. [Amended 3-12-2007 by Ord. No. 2-2007; 12-13-2010 by Ord. No. 1-2010; 1-11-2016 by Ord. No. 15-2015] C. Allowed uses. (1) Permitted uses: **Agriculture** Bed-and-breakfast Essential services Farm stands Forestry Home child care Home occupation (minor) Medium-scale principal solar energy systems (MSPSES) Mobile homes New mobile homes Passive recreation Single-family homes Temporary vendor Timber harvesting Yard sale (2) Conditional uses: [Amended 1-14-2019 by Ord. No. 8-2018] Campgrounds Companion animal care center Farmers market Government facilities Greenhouses Kennels



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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 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