

# **MINUTES**

**For approval at the 9-9-13 meeting**

Acting Chairman Allin Frawley (herein referred to as Chairman) opened meeting at 7:15 PM by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Selectmen A. Frawley, B. Quelle, L. Dalpe, J. Knowlton, Town Manager C. Cristello and Executive Assistant J. Shanley.

The meeting was broadcast live by MCCAM and recorded by MCCAM and Verizon.

**UNANTICIPATED**

Chairman Frawley noted having had recently spent time on the Nemasket River and highly recommended residents enjoy all that it has to offer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS**

Selectman Dalpe attended the Cultural Council meeting last week. She noted that the Council gives out Cultural grants to projects for the Arts & Humanities. The deadline for the draft is 10/1/13 and the deadline for the application is 10/15/13. Anyone interested, may obtain further information at [www.mass-culture.org/middleborough](http://www.mass-culture.org/middleborough).

Chairman announced the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual East Middleborough 4H Fair will be taking place on sat 8/31 8 a.m. to dusk and on Sunday 9/1/13 from 8 a.m. to dusk.

Health Officer Jeanne Spalding reminded the public to use self-protection in an effort to avoid the West Nile Virus (WNV).

DPW Director Chris Peck announced Bulky Waste day to be held on Saturday, 9/28/13 from 7 AM to 3:30 PM at the Transfer Station, which will include items such as couches and kids large plastic toys. Appliances and construction debris are not included and all are welcome. You do not need to have a permit.

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Upon motion by Selectman Quelle and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve the regular minutes of 8/12/13.

Upon motion by Selectman Quelle and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve unanimously the 8/12/13 Executive Session meeting minutes.

**WARRANTS**

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign Warrants for week ending 8/23/13.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to set new goals at its next meeting, specifically, on 9/9/13. Selectman Quelle offered that the

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public may contact the Board's Executive Assistant to submit any specific concerns or topics for consideration.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to schedule a Road Layout hearing for 9/16/13 at 7:30 PM and to refer the Layout plans to the Planning Board for the following ways:

- Tall Oak Estates
- Acorn Ridge Estates
- Dona Estates

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to issue a proclamation for Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2013 as requested by the Lydia Cobb-Quequechan Chapter of the MA Daughters of the American Revolution.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to authorize Chairman to sign the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement & Certification by the MPD to the Department of Justice & Department of Treasury. Selectman Quelle asked the Town Manager if there is a time limit on how long we can keep this. Town Manager will research and report back.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to accept the gifting of an MG&E Electric division truck #31, a 2000 ½ ton Chevrolet 2 wheel-drive truck to the Town for use by the DPW Highway department for use at the transfer station.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Quelle, for discussion, Board voted unanimously to sign FY'15 Chapter 61B application for property owned in Plympton.

Town Manager noted the draft RFP that he has given to the Board re lease space in the Eastern Bank building. We agreed to have Eastern Bank stay there until the end of October. If the Board members have any thoughts, or concerns, he asked that they let him know.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES**

MG&E & Verizon Pole hearing – Fuller Street

Chairman opened hearing at 7:27 PM by reading aloud the public hearing notice. Electric Division Manager William Taylor addressed Board. No abutters present. Chairman asked to hear any concerns or objections. None heard. Chairman declared hearing closed. Upon motion by Selectman Quelle and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve petition to place two new poles on Fuller Street, pole 78 and 79 to be added to extend pole line by 2 poles for a distance of 360ft. to accommodate electric service to a new house.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager noted information we received that Mayflower Bank is being bought out by Rockland Trust and that the Rockland Trust is going to move their branch to the 135 S. Main Street location, but we are also being told that they are going to occupy the Mayflower bank property. We do not know what the plans are for the Station Street location.

Town Manager noted correspondence re the Middleborough Rotary. The JTPG voted to commit a year's worth of TIP funds, which amount to anywhere between eleven and fifteen million dollars in any given year, to the Rotary project, when it is ready to be built. It is just about the amount of money that our design differs with the state design, so if there is any reluctance by the DOT not to do our design, because of cost, we've solved that problem for them. The Town Manager is going to send a letter to Secretary Davey to point this out that we should all be in agreement about the Middleborough option. Selectman Dalpe requested that a copy be sent to Congressman Keating, noting how helpful he has been with this. Town Manager indicated we are already doing so along with copies being sent to our State Representatives.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES**

Condemnation hearing re 27 Webster Street

At 7:35 PM Chairman opened Condemnation hearing re 27 Webster Street. Health Officer Jeanne Spalding addressed Board and reviewed the circumstances

Health Officer explained that the Board's charge is to sustain, revoke, or modify the Health department Condemnation Order. She asked that the Board sustain the order. Jessica Gardner reviewed her history of visits to the property and the steps taken thus far.

Linda Taylor introduced herself as a daughter to the last known owner of the home. She then introduced David Liansini of 14 Shaw Road, Carver to speak on behalf of the family. They are asking for a stay or continuance as they intend to correct the issues and they only found out about this hearing a couple of hours ago. Notice of the hearing had been sent to the only family contact known to the Health Department, specifically, Karen Smith. Mr. Liansini noted that Ms. Smith lives in Maine. Chairman offered that the issue is someone is living in the house and the only way to make sure that no one is living in this house, in these conditions, is to condemn it. Mr. Liansini agreed, and again noted that they would like to deal with this family matter. Chairman noted that the issues have been observed by the abutters to this house since June. Health Officer explained that condemnation means no one can live in the home, however, the Health department works with home owners in tracking/scheduling times for folks to access the house to clean/repair. Mr. Liansini asked if the condemnation could be postponed. The Health Officer explained that the property has already been condemned and that the Board would be sustaining, revoking, or modifying the order. Selectman Dalpe noted that the issues have been ongoing. Linda Taylor offered that her father passed away in March and they only just found out two weeks ago about this. Abutter Patricia Gilmore who has lived across the street for the past two months spoke and offered

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that she has never seen anybody living there and that it's obvious that nobody's taking care of it. She's only seen police officers come and go at night. Chairman responded that the Town has evidence that someone has been living in the house. She asked what the condemnation process is if the house has already been condemned. Health Officer explained that the code requires the Health department come before the Board of Health and present the information so that the Board may sustain, revoke or modify the order.

A resident, who has lived directly next door for the past three years, addressed the Board and the family members, and offered her empathy, but also her own observations and the negative impact she and other neighbors are experiencing. She offered that the neighbors all want to see the property cleaned up and made habitable and would even be willing to help.

Ross Bickford, Jr. addressed the Board and introduced himself as the son of the last known homeowner. He offered that he returned to this house after 23 years and found it completely destroyed. Chairman asked him if he lived at 27 Webster Street. He answered no. Chairman asked him where he lives. He responded that he lives at 47 Swift Beach Road in Wareham with his son. He offered that he goes to the parent's house only to take out sentimental things. He offered that he walked in the house and saw all of the copper piled up in the house and he walked up the street to use his friends phone to call the police, but by the time they responded, the copper was gone. Chairman asked Mr. Bickford if he had anything to offer relative to the Condemnation hearing. Chairman explained how the hearing process works. Chairman thanked Mr. Bickford for his comments. Jennifer Monahan who lives at 32 Webster Street offered that the house is deplorable. There are fourteen children on the street under the age of fifteen who are afraid to walk to school because they get screamed at from someone in that house. The trash in the yard is horrible. She offered to the family that they would love to see the house returned to its beautiful state, but they can't have the neighborhood children witness the activities that are taking place on the property. Chairman asked to hear any further comments. Hearing none, Chairman declared the hearing closed. Upon motion by Selectman Quelle and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to sustain the condemnation at 27 Webster Street. Selectman Knowlton offered sympathy to the family, but noted that the Board's responsibility is to the community and the public safety officials. The only way forward is to condemn, remove people from the property, and give the family the opportunity to work with the Health department to rectify.

Carter Fahy of Environmental Partners – Review edited version of Storm Water bylaw

Town Manager gave a review re Storm Water bylaw. Board welcomed Carter Fahy of Environmental Partners. Mr. Fahy explained the edited version of the Storm Water bylaw. He offered that it is incumbent of the Town to pass this bylaw. Discussion ensued. Board and residents presented questions to Mr. Fahy. Mr. Fahy and Town Manager offered responses.

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Discussion and vote re Zoning-Registered Marijuana Dispensaries

Resident Al Brown addressed the Board and spoke about his late wife's personal experience with cancer and marijuana. He offered that empathy sometimes takes work. He offered his opinion against locating a dispensary in an Adult district. Chairman read aloud some statistics about crime around Marijuana dispensaries (attached). Chairman shared that he had visited the Slater Compassion Center in Rhode Island. Selectman Dalpe offered that she had read MA law on the subject and noted some of the stringent requirements to monitor the use of these dispensaries, including, zoning pertaining to schools and daycares. She offered that the law prohibits us from banning this. Chairman noted that the Board is asking the Planning Board to come up with some type of zoning. Chairman asked if we could establish a medical marijuana committee. Town Manager suggested a moratorium, noting that the Building Commissioner indicated that our zoning right now would permit this in any retail zoned areas, subject to the state restrictions, i.e. locations of schools, daycares, etc. Selectman Knowlton suggested that it is a public safety issue and comes down to finding the right location. We want to keep it away from children to ensure the safety of our community, by having it in an "adult" area. Selectman Quelle offered that there is a strong police presence in areas where these dispensaries are located. Town Manager offered that a moratorium would allow a committee to be formed and to present its findings for spring Town Meeting. Chairman offered that the Town is allowed a local tax and to charge fees.

Mr. Brown noted that children with medical issues will be some of the recipients of medical marijuana. Health Officer Jeanne Spalding recommended that the Board hold workshop on this once it has the chance to review the material she provided. She offered that she would prefer the Moratorium at this time. Diane Stewart suggested that the dispensary should be located on a public transportation route. Resident Patricia Gilmore suggested that a moratorium is a horrible mistake. Chairman offered that the Town would be rushed to make an informed decision by fall Town Meeting, but spring would allow time to become informed. Chairman referenced a news article by CNN's Doctor Sanjay Gupta. Town Manager explained that unless a moratorium is passed in October, it is currently zoned to locate anywhere a retail district exists. Selectman Knowlton offered that he just received updated information, specifically, that December is the expected permitting process date and that Towns voting for moratoriums are expected to miss out. Health Officer asked the Board to consider this as a Board of Health issue. By holding a workshop, the Board could establish regulations/ public health local regulations. These can work hand-in-hand and support one another to give the community whatever protection it needs under a public health regulation. Mr. Brown suggested that the Board consider opportunities to take advantage of possibly having security cameras paid for if a dispensary were located in the downtown area. Chairman offered that the Chief of Police and remaining Board members were invited to visit the Slater Compassion Center in Rhode Island. Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to change the Zoning table from GUA to GU. Town Manager offered that a workshop date would be forthcoming.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

#5 Selectman Quelle noted Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting on 9/12/13.

#6 Selectman Quelle noted correspondence from Positive Effects LLC re Food Waste Recycling & Composting. He thinks we should support or give whatever assistance we can to this group.

#4 Selectman Knowlton noted that the Conservation Commission is presently looking for people for the stewardship program.

#6 Selectman Knowlton noted correspondence from Positive Effects LLC and noticed that the letter didn't indicate the cost. He did go on line and found \$20 fee/family, which he thought seemed high.

# 17 Selectman Dalpe encouraged the public to take safety precautions re mosquito activity.

#1 Selectman Frawley noted Raynham Park Proposal and offered to Town Manager that we should at least let them know we're here.

#4 Selectman Frawley offered that Pratt Farm does have a Conservation plan and though sometimes it may not look as though it's being kept up, it is supposed to look the way it does.

#6 Selectman Frawley was also interested in the Positive Effects Food Waste Recycling & Composting, but also had cost question.

#16 Selectman Frawley noted correspondence re Dam Safety.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to authorize Selectman Frawley to speak with Raynham Selectman Joe Pacheco offering support in spraying for mosquitos.

#2 Selectman Knowlton noted VFW correspondence re STOP training.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

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# Marijuana & Vitamin B Offer Hope To Alzheimer's Patients

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Emerging studies in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease have produced encouraging news regarding the use of cannabinoids (marijuana) and vitamin B. Both Marijuana and vitamin B are showing considerable promise, in offering hope to Alzheimer's patients. It is estimated that over 4.5 million Americans will suffer from Alzheimer's, and 36 million people worldwide die with the disease. Contrary to popular propaganda against marijuana use, the plant has been show to stimulate the regrowth of brain cells rather than destroy them. Furthermore, there is a substantial body of evidence that shows THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, is the best known compound for breaking up the formation of plaque deposits around the brain, and preventing the development of Alzheimer's.



Cannabis Has A Long Tradition

"Cannabinoids induce adult hippocampus neurogenesis, which is the production of healthy new brain cells" says Clint Werner, author of Marijuana Gateway to Health.

In a study done on rats, Gery Wenk, a professor of neuroscience, immunology and medical genetics at Ohio State University, said that cannabinoids were the first and only drug that showed remarkable improvement in the reduction of brain inflammation and repairing cognitive functions.

Research from the Institute of Molecular Psychiatry at the University of Bonn in Germany, suggests that activation of the brains cannabinoid receptors, releases anti-oxidants that clean the brain of damaged cells, and stimulate Mitrochondria which is the source of energy for cells.

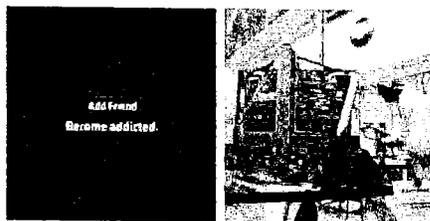
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**Can cities and towns ban Registered Marijuana Dispensaries?**

The Massachusetts Attorney General issued a decision that municipalities are not permitted to enact a total ban on Registered Marijuana Dispensaries. However, cities and towns may adopt zoning by-laws to regulate such dispensaries, so long as such by-laws do not conflict or interfere with the operation of the Department's regulations, and may enact a temporary moratorium in order to study the zoning issues related to the development of dispensaries.

Thanks,

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## Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Their Effect on Crime

Opponents of medical marijuana sometimes speculate that medical marijuana dispensaries will lead to increased crime rates in surrounding areas.<sup>1</sup> These dispensaries, they claim, will attract thieves and robbers to the facilities and breed secondary crimes in surrounding areas. Such claims have prompted empirical and statistical analyses by researchers and law enforcement agencies. In what should not come as a surprise, given the robust security at most medical marijuana facilities, these studies have routinely shown that, contrary to popular opinion, dispensaries are not magnets for crime. Instead, these studies suggest that dispensaries are no more likely to attract crime than any other business, and in many cases, by bringing new business and economic activity to previously abandoned or run-down retail spaces, dispensaries actually contribute to a reduction in crime.

What follows is a brief summary of anecdotal and scientific evidence, including law enforcement data analyses and academic research on medical marijuana dispensaries and their effect on crime. For more information on dispensaries, medical use of marijuana, state laws, and other issues related to medical marijuana, please visit [mpp.org/issues/medical-marijuana/](http://mpp.org/issues/medical-marijuana/).

**2009 Los Angeles Police Department survey** – In response to debate over medical marijuana regulations by the Los Angeles City Council, and outcry from medical marijuana opponents that dispensaries were magnets for crime, Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck asked his department to produce a report comparing the robbery rates of L.A. banks and medical marijuana dispensaries. The report indicated that there were 71 robbery reports filed with the LAPD at the city's 350 banks. Despite there being far more medical marijuana dispensaries — more than 800 at the time according to Beck — there were fewer robbery reports filed at dispensaries; just 47.

When asked about the report, and claims that dispensaries are crime magnets, Beck said, "I have tried to verify that because, of course, that is the mantra. It really doesn't bear out. ... Banks are more likely to get robbed than medical marijuana dispensaries."<sup>2</sup>

**2009 Denver Police Department survey** – An analysis of robbery and burglary rates at medical marijuana dispensaries conducted by the Denver, Colorado Police Department at the request of the Denver City Council found that the robbery and burglary rates at dispensaries were lower than area banks and liquor stores and on par with those of pharmacies. Specifically, the report found a 16.8 percent burglary and robbery rate for

<sup>1</sup> "Across the state, we're seeing an increase in crime related to dispensaries," said Ernie Martinez, a Denver police detective who is president of the Colorado Drug Investigators Association. "Medical marijuana dispensaries' effect on crime unclear," *The Denver Post*, January 24, 2011.

[http://www.denverpost.com/news/marijuana/ci\\_17178820#ixzz1ngbvMOII](http://www.denverpost.com/news/marijuana/ci_17178820#ixzz1ngbvMOII).

<sup>2</sup> "LAPD Chief: Pot clinics not plagued by crime," *Los Angeles Daily News*, January 17, 2010.

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_14206441](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_14206441).

lack of a relationship between dispensaries and crime could be attributable to either of two possible conclusions: either medical marijuana dispensaries were no more valuable a target than other businesses in the area — a possibility supported by the law enforcement surveys in L.A. and Denver discussed above — or heightened security at dispensaries was sufficient to deter criminal activity in the area.

**Regent University study, June 2011** – Researcher Maura Scherrer of Regent University looked at the perception of crime, and medical marijuana dispensaries’ impact on crime, among residents of Denver neighborhoods with varying socio-economic profiles. In so doing, she found that most crimes, including robbery, vandalism, and disorderly conduct increased in Denver from 2008 to 2009. However, in areas within 1,000 feet of a dispensary, rates were down for most types of crime, including burglary, larceny, and a 37.5% reduction in disorderly conduct citations. In her conclusion the author notes, “it appears that crime around the medical marijuana centers is considerably lower than citywide crime rates; a much different depiction than originally perceived.”<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Study available at <http://adr.coalliance.org/codr/tez/view/codr:983>.

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(CNN) - Over the last year, I have been working on a new documentary called "Weed." The title "Weed" may sound cavalier, but the content is not.

I traveled around the world to interview medical leaders, experts, growers and patients. I spoke candidly to them, asking tough questions. What I found was stunning.

Long before I began this project, I had steadily reviewed the scientific literature on medical marijuana from the United States and thought it was fairly unimpressive. Reading these papers five years ago, it was hard to make a case for medicinal marijuana. I even wrote about this in a TIME magazine article, back in 2009, titled "[Why I would Vote No on Pot.](#)"

Well, I am here to apologize.

I apologize because I didn't look hard enough, until now. I didn't look far enough. I didn't review papers from smaller labs in other countries doing some remarkable research, and I was too dismissive of the loud chorus of legitimate patients whose symptoms improved on cannabis.

Instead, I lumped them with the high-visibility malingerers, just looking to get high. I mistakenly believed the Drug Enforcement Agency listed marijuana as a schedule 1 substance because of sound scientific proof. Surely, they must have quality reasoning as to why marijuana is in the category of the most dangerous drugs that have "no accepted medicinal use and a high potential for abuse."

They didn't have the science to support that claim, and I now know that when it comes to marijuana neither of those things are true. It doesn't have a high potential for abuse, and there are very legitimate medical applications. In fact, sometimes marijuana is the only thing that works. Take the case of Charlotte Figi, who I met in Colorado. She started having seizures soon after birth. By age 3, she was having 300 a week, despite being on seven different medications. Medical marijuana has calmed her brain, limiting her seizures to 2 or 3 per month.

I have seen more patients like Charlotte first hand, spent time with them and come to the realization that it is irresponsible not to provide the best care we can as a medical community, care that could involve marijuana.

We have been terribly and systematically misled for nearly 70 years in the United States, and I apologize for my own role in that.

I hope this article and upcoming documentary will help set the record straight.

On August 14, 1970, the Assistant Secretary of Health, Dr. Roger O. Egeberg wrote a letter recommending the plant, marijuana, be classified as a schedule 1 substance, and it has remained that way for nearly 45 years. My research started with a careful reading of that decades old letter. What I found was unsettling. Egeberg had carefully chosen his words:

"Since there is still a considerable void in our knowledge of the plant and effects of the active drug contained in it, our recommendation is that marijuana be retained within schedule 1 at least until the completion of certain studies now underway to resolve the issue."

Not because of sound science, but because of its absence, marijuana was classified as a schedule 1 substance. Again, the year was 1970. Egeberg mentions studies that are underway, but many were never completed. As my investigation continued, however, I realized Egeberg did in fact have important research already available to him, some of it from more than 25 years earlier.

### **High risk of abuse**

In 1944, New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia commissioned research to be performed by the New York Academy of Science. Among their conclusions: they found marijuana did not lead to

First of all, you need marijuana. And marijuana is illegal. You see the problem. Scientists can get research marijuana from a special farm in Mississippi, which is astonishingly located in the middle of the Ole Miss campus, but it is challenging. When I visited this year, there was no marijuana being grown.

The second thing you need is approval, and the scientists I interviewed kept reminding me how tedious that can be. While a cancer study may first be evaluated by the National Cancer Institute, or a pain study may go through the National Institute for Neurological Disorders, there is one more approval required for marijuana: NIDA, the National Institute on Drug Abuse. It is an organization that has a core mission of studying drug abuse, as opposed to benefit.

Stuck in the middle are the legitimate patients who depend on marijuana as a medicine, oftentimes as their only good option.

Keep in mind that up until 1943, marijuana was part of the United States drug pharmacopeia. One of the conditions for which it was prescribed was neuropathic pain. It is a miserable pain that's tough to treat. My own patients have described it as "lancinating, burning and a barrage of pins and needles." While marijuana has long been documented to be effective for this awful pain, the most common medications prescribed today come from the poppy plant, including morphine, oxycodone and dilaudid.

Here is the problem. Most of these medications don't work very well for this kind of pain, and tolerance is a real problem.

Most frightening to me is that someone dies in the United States every 19 minutes from a prescription drug overdose, mostly accidental. Every 19 minutes. It is a horrifying statistic. As much as I searched, I could not find a documented case of death from marijuana overdose.

It is perhaps no surprise then that 76% of physicians recently surveyed said they would approve the use of marijuana to help ease a woman's pain from breast cancer.

When marijuana became a schedule 1 substance, there was a request to fill a "void in our knowledge." In the United States, that has been challenging because of the infrastructure surrounding the study of an illegal substance, with a drug abuse organization at the heart of the approval process. And yet, despite the hurdles, we have made considerable progress that continues today.

Looking forward, I am especially intrigued by studies like those in Spain and Israel looking at the anti-cancer effects of marijuana and its components. I'm intrigued by the neuro-protective study by Lev Meschoulam in Israel, and research in Israel and the United States on whether the drug might help alleviate symptoms of PTSD. I promise to do my part to help, genuinely and honestly, fill the remaining void in our knowledge.

Citizens in 20 states and the District of Columbia have now voted to approve marijuana for medical applications, and more states will be making that choice soon. As for Dr. Roger



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# Christie eases access to medical marijuana for sick children

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Aug 15, 2013: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie speaks to fellow Republicans during the Republican National Committee summer meeting in Boston.

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TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie agreed Friday to give chronically ill children easier access to medical marijuana, but he was unwilling to go as far as state lawmakers wanted.

The Republican governor conditionally vetoed a bill on the topic, saying in the document, "Parents, and not government regulators, are best suited to decide how to care for their children."

He said he agreed with provisions that would allow production of ingestible forms of pot at state-approved dispensaries and to allow dispensaries to grow more than three strains of the drug. But he struck a part of the bill that would have dropped a requirement that a psychiatrist and pediatrician sign off before children are allowed medical marijuana. He said he wanted to keep in some safeguards for young patients.

The bill now goes back to the Legislature. If lawmakers make the changes Christie requested, it will become law. It was not immediately clear when lawmakers may take it up, but the state

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Vivian to get the form and strain of pot that could help them by lifting limits on how many strains of marijuana dispensaries can grow and by allowing ingestible forms that kids could take without smoking.

Currently, New Jersey allows dispensaries to grow only three strains of pot, and that has made it unlikely that the kind Vivian's family says she needs will be made available. Brian Wilson said other children with Dravet have benefited from a form high in a compound known as CBD and low in THC, the chemical that gets pot users high. Wilson said the drug can work not only to relieve pain or build up an appetite — two things medical pot is often used for — but as a medicine to treat Dravet.

New Hampshire, Delaware and Illinois have multiple-doctor requirements for kids to get pot, said Chris Goldstein, a marijuana activist who is on the board of the Coalition for Medical Marijuana of New Jersey. "This is something that originated in New Jersey and is likely to be copied in other states," he said.

Roseanne Scotti, New Jersey director of the Drug Policy Alliance, said lifting the limit on how many strains of marijuana plants New Jersey growers can produce will be helpful for other patients because it will allow "real innovation and better options." Medical marijuana activists say different types of the drug work for different conditions and patients.

New Jersey now has just one operating legal dispensary with a second expected to open in September.

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**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

**September 4, 2013  
Wednesday**

Chairman opened meeting at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were: Selectmen S. McKinnon, A. Frawley, L. Dalpe, and J. Knowlton and Town Manager C. Cristello.

Selectman Quelle joined the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Board discussed various aspects of the medical marijuana law and regulations and possible health regulations that could be implemented locally with Health Officer Jeanne Spalding and Planning Director Ruth Geoffroy. Ms. Spalding will draft a set of regulations in the coming weeks for the Board's consideration.

Upon motion by Selectman Quelle and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to adjourn meeting at 9:00 PM.

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Jackie Shanley, Executive Assistant  
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