

Proposed Zoning Amendments for May 2018 Annual Town Meeting

1. Revise the definition for Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/Registered Marijuana Dispensary found in ARTICLE II (Definitions) Section 205-4 (Terms Defined) to remove the requirement that such facilities be operated by a not-for-profit entity. The revised definition will read as follows:

"MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER/REGISTERED MARIJUANA DISPENSARY - A Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) as defined in the regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), 105 CMR 725.000. Such facilities shall be ~~operated and managed by a not for profit entity~~ registered with the state that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes, transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses or administers medical marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients and/or their personal caregivers."

Explanation: A recent change to State law has removed the requirement that such facilities be operated by a not-for-profit entity. This change will bring our bylaw into compliance with State law.

2. Change the zoning of 95 Aubuchon Drive (Tax Map 100, Parcel 78) from Commercial-I to Industrial-I.

Explanation: Now that Aubuchon has moved its distribution operation elsewhere, they have a vacant warehouse consisting of approximately 430,000 square feet of floor space that the company is trying to find a new user for. The commercial use options for such a large warehouse are limited; however, changing the zoning to industrial would greatly expand the reuse options for this property. This rezoning effort is supported by both the property owner and the Westminster Economic Development Committee.