

Town Manager's Analysis of Recreational Marijuana Survey Results

Survey open from 9/6/2017 to 10/6/2017

223 Respondents included 15 who submitted hard copies.

150 Respondents identified themselves as Damariscotta residents

This compares with 1,347 who voted on the ballot question last November (736 yes and 611 no)

Conclusions for results of Damariscotta respondents:

Only 35.33 % believe that Town should prohibit all commercial recreational activities

Most believe that there should be a limit on the number of licenses issued in all five categories.

With regard to opinions on where each of the activities should be allowed, I added the number who wanted no limitations in each category 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15 to those who indicated that wanted some limitations but in each question 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16, indicated that they did not wish to have limitations in certain areas for certain categories. If one assumes my extrapolations are valid, the following conclusions can be reached:

-The majority of respondents want to have retail sales, social clubs, cultivation, manufacturing and testing prohibited in residential areas.

-The majority of the respondents want to have cultivation and manufacturing prohibited in the C1 (downtown) District.

-The majority of respondents do not want to see retail sales, social clubs, and testing prohibited in rural, C1 and C2 Districts.

-The majority of respondents do not want to see cultivation and manufacturing prohibited in rural, and C2 Districts.

-The majority of respondents do not want to see testing prohibited in rural, C1 and C2 Districts.

Significant majorities indicated they do not wish to have any commercial recreational marijuana activities located within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers.