




Windham awards two retail marijuana licenses at special town council meeting

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Capping a detailed application process and review, the Windham Town Council awarded two adult marijuana retail licenses at a special council meeting on Tuesday evening.

Following a two-hour discussion and lengthy examination of seven different applications and a council vote to clarify the term “retail” as outlined in Windham’s marijuana ordinance, councilors scored each application based upon operational plan, security measures, safety, experience, product handling, any violations on record and other specific criteria. The top two businesses scoring the highest, Paul’s Boutique and CannarX Windham, were then awarded provisional one-year retail licenses pending verification of the collection of sales taxes in other communities.

Before any scoring was unveiled, Councilor Clayton Haskell said he would abstain from voting or scoring applicants.

Prior to scoring each application for the adult-use licenses, each applicant was given three minutes on Zoom to present their last-minute arguments

for why they should be awarded a license by the council. Representatives of six of the seven applicants spoke, with each one thanking councilors for their diligence in carefully reviewing volumes of documentation regarding each application.

Windham Town Manager Barry Tibbetts said that each application was well over 100 pages and that the review process was extensive and time-consuming.

“Hours were spent reading through them,” Tibbetts said. “Councilors spent more than two days reading applications and I want the public to know that a tremendous amount of work and effort went into getting us to this point tonight.”

During the meeting, town attorney Kristin Collins advised councilors on how to score categories, including how to rate one section of the town ordinance that asked applicants to list retail experience in locations other than in Windham.

Town Council Chairman Jarrod Maxwell said he understood the ordinance term “retail” as having a storefront and clearly defined hours of operation with customers coming and



Shaw Dwight, owner of Paul’s Boutique is one of two businesses that were awarded adult-use retail marijuana licenses by the Windham Town Council on Tuesday evening. CannarX Windham was the other business to receive a retail license from the town. PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

going, but other councilors suggested that they understood “retail” to mean having paid sales taxes for transactions to other communities. A vote was taken, with councilors David Nadeau, Nicholas Kalogerakis, David Douglass,

Timothy Nangle and Brett Jones voting for sales tax collection to define “retail” and Maxwell voting for it to mean an actual storefront elsewhere.

Under the scoring system, Paul’s Boutique accumulated a total of 15.58 points, with CannarX Windham RSL coming in with 14.67 points. Next in line was Jar Co. at 14.33 points, followed by Kind & Co. with 13.67 points, Sticky Bud with 12.75 points, Legal Leaf at 10.25 points and Maine’s Alternative Caring with 9.83 points.

Before a motion was made to award the licenses, Councilor Timothy Nangle told applicants that the town would ensure details contained in the applications were being adhered to.

“We’re going to hold you to everything you submitted in your application,” Nangle said.

Councilor Brett Jones said he was glad to see the application and review process finally come to an end for the adult-use retail licenses.

“I would give licenses to all of the applicants and while I don’t necessarily agree with the process, I followed the criteria and made decisions based upon what was in front of me,” Jones

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said.

Maxwell said he was grateful to all who participated in the process.

"I just want to say thanks to everyone, to the council, the staff and to the community," Maxwell said. "We've done the best we can."

Under state law, the first day that adult-use retail marijuana sales may be made is Oct. 9. Under terms of Windham's marijuana ordinance adopted by councilors in May, successful appli-

cants must pay \$2,500 to the town for the adult-use retail licenses.

Previously Tibbetts has said that Windham will use money collected from the licensing fees for substance-abuse education and prevention, but the specifics for that have yet to be worked out by the council.

Councilors also voted during the special meeting to extend a public hearing regarding the awarding of caregiver licenses and four medical marijuana storefront licenses in town to the council's Sept. 22 meeting. <

Windham Little League softball cruises by Freeport in fall opener

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Windham Little League's softball major division team played Freeport on Sept. 15 at Arlington Field during the start of Windham's Fall Ball season and they came away a winner, 15-8.

Windham took an early lead and raced to victory with runs scored in every inning. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Evelyn Anderson swatted a ball flying into the outfield, and didn't stop running until her cleats touched home plate for a home run.

"I usually don't hit it (that) far and I wanted to make it home," said Anderson.

She went on to say it felt good to get such a great hit.

While Windham scored in every inning they played, it was the fifth inning

where they showed they know how to really swing the bats. Leah Storey and Kaylee Napolitano got base hits and they both scored. Yani Kostopoulos crushed the ball for a double, Ava Cole got a base hit and Kostopoulos scored. Then following another double, Cole scored. Windham also pushed across another run before the inning was through.

"We have been working on having selective short-term memory loss," said Windham Coach Stephen Napolitano. "We learn from our mistakes but don't carry being down into the next plays. We still made some errors tonight, but our girls never got shaken."

Windham certainly wasn't shaken as they came out ready to put runs on the board in the bottom of the first inning. Kaylee Napolitano bunted for a base hit. Kostopoulos also got a base hit and scored and Napolitano scored and Cole doubled.

In the second inning, Windham's Chloe Delewski walked and later scored. Anderson got a base hit, and she scored. And in the third inning, hits from Storey, Napolitano and Kostopoulos boosted Windham's lead to 6-1 over Freeport.

Windham's defense was great against Freeport too. Windham made several solid plays where they got the ball quickly to first base or threw a runner out on their way around the diamond. <



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