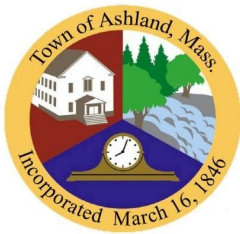


## #2 Student MJ Q&A

### 2. I heard Ashland banned marijuana dispensaries in the town.

- a. **Is that true?** *Ashland has not banned dispensaries in town. What we have done is put a temporary reprieve on setting up these establishments to make sure that if dispensaries do move into town, they are located in the right place. This is called zoning in Massachusetts. To zone these dispensaries properly, we look at a number of different aspects of a potential facilities' use. For example, people do not necessarily want a dispensary in the middle of a residential neighborhood.*
- b. **Will they open a dispensary in Ashland?** *Recreational shops are not expected to open before summer 2018 because regulations need to be determined. If an interested party wanted to open a dispensary in Ashland, they would first need to go through the zoning process and then a subsequent licensing process. Ashland voters may decide not to allow a recreational shop in town.*

*These responses were provided by Michael Herbert, Ashland Town Manager.*



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