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To: Auburn Planning Board
From: Megan Norwood, City Planner
Re: Request Feedback from the Agriculture Committee on Including Marijuana in the Agricultural Crop Definition for the Rural Residential and Low Density Country Residential Zoning Districts.
Date: May 11, 2021

I. PROPOSAL: Recently, the Planning Board reviewed a proposal to extend the Agriculture and Resource Protection Zone on Trapp Road to include the residential portion of the district to accommodate the growth of a marijuana business originally proposed in phases before the creation of the ordinance.

As the Planning Board began discussing the item, the Board wanted to look at the larger picture of how the City regulates “marijuana” and whether or not it would be feasible to be included under the Agricultural Crop definition. The purpose of this workshop is to create language for a formal request to the Agriculture Committee to review the agricultural crop definition for the Low Density Country and Rural Residential Zoning Districts.

II. DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

- Police - No Comments
- Auburn Water and Sewer – No Comments
- Fire Department/Code Enforcement – No Comments
- Engineering – No Comments
- Public Services - No Comments
- Airport – No Comments
- 911 - No Comments

III. PLANNING BOARD ACTION/STAFF SUGGESTIONS: The Planning Board should use this workshop to create a summary of specific information the Board would like the Agriculture Committee to consider as part of their review as to whether it would be feasible to include marijuana in the agricultural crop definition.