

Marijuana Business Committee

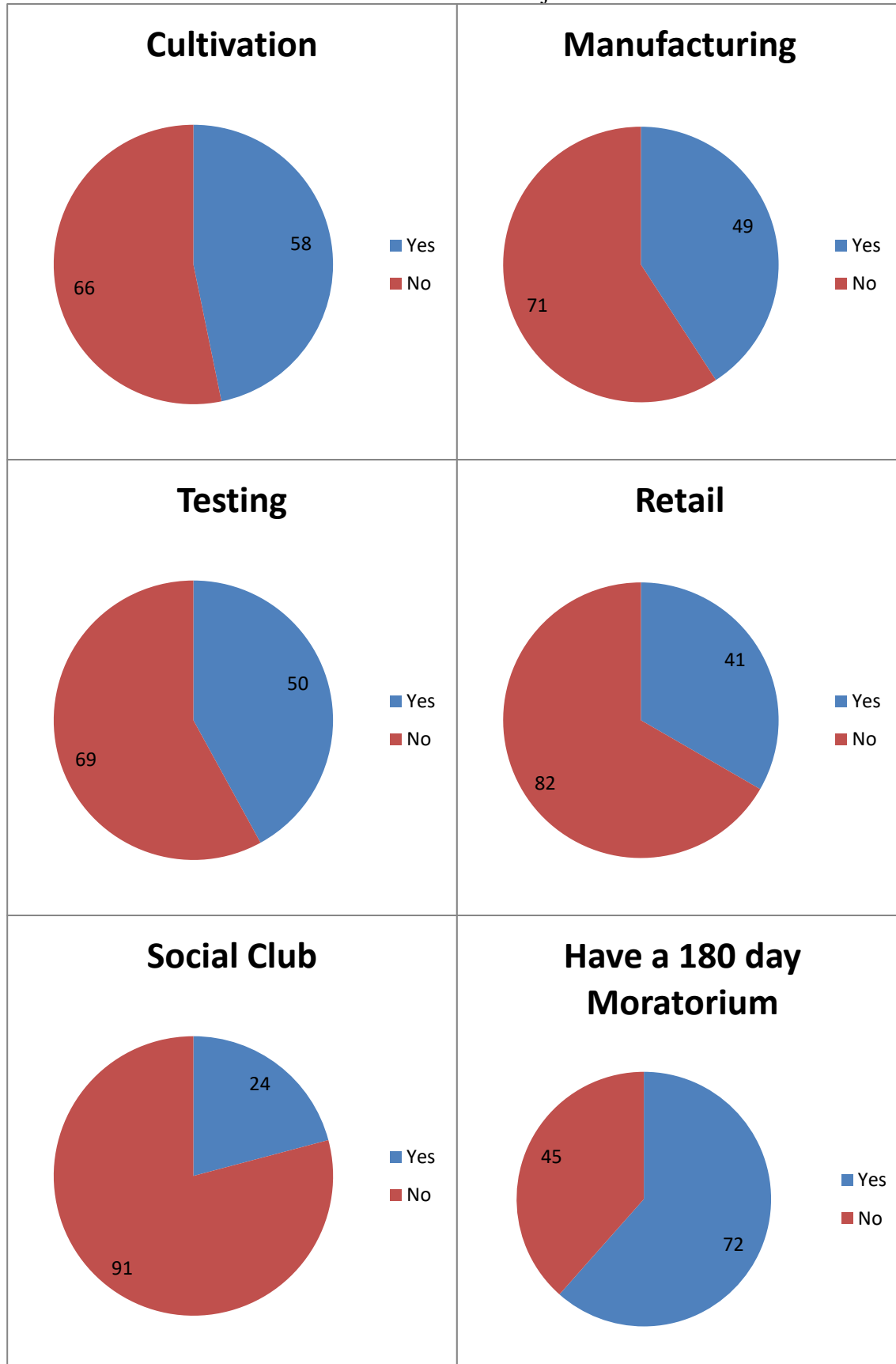
Town of Dresden

Marijuana Ordinance Survey

April 2, 2018

This survey was conducted by the Marijuana Business Committee of the Town of Dresden. The questionnaire consisted of 6 questions and was anonymous. The questionnaire was mailed to the 750 households through the Town Communicator. The questionnaires were mailed on January 4th and collected by March 15th. In total, 124 completed questionnaires were collected by the deadline. These responses account for about 7 percent of the Dresden population and about 9 percent of registered voters. Also, keeping in anonymity, there is no way to verify if anyone voted multiple times. The Marijuana Business Committee will put together recommendations to the Select Board and are available for further questions.

Should the town of Dresden allow **recreational** marijuana:



Comments:

- Legalize marijuana and establish facilities for its sale and use.
- Smoke 'em if you got 'em.
- Another diversion to intoxicating effects. Recreational, quite questionable! Can our town afford the likelihood of cost (drug testing, police coverage, increased traffic) and loss of quality and etc.
- There are (2) registered voters at this residence and we only got one survey
- No.
- My husband and I moved to Dresden in Sept. to get away from this and would be highly disappointed if this went through.
- Recreational marijuana is now legal in Maine. Not everyone has a place to grow it, Why should they have to continue to buy on the black market? Legislators are dragging their feet – especially our Gov. LePage, How about the will of the people?
- Using marijuana, other than medicinally, is as bad on the brain as alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- These are serious concerns for many, although I circled “No opinion,” I believe there needs to be in depth considerations made.
- Already too many drunks on the road. Don't need to add any more crazies with impairments!
- We don't need any form of drugs in our community. I had friends in Augusta that had to move out of their apartment because the odor in the building affected all the apartments. The person with the marijuana had more rights than all the other families in that apartment house. The children and mother were coughing from the smell. So wrong!
- Everywhere that allowed more marijuana use has seen an increase in crime, domestic abuse, traffic accidents, etc. Let's learn from other states and locations and keep Dresden family-friendly and drug free!
- Town should not waste taxpayer money on postage for this.
- I totally support agriculturally based endeavors. Dresden might be an ideal location for any of these related businesses.
- This recreational only replaces other drugs and bad habits.
- People voted just do it!! “for recreational”
- How do we protect our citizens and law enforcement from unintended consequences of this law?
- It seems like from now 'til June should be enough time to establish guidelines, etc. There are many examples of proven successful protocol in other parts of the country. It would behoove the town to do research and at least be ahead of the curve. I think as prohibition was eventually eradicated, the current laws and procedures seem adequate. I have no issue with a reputable business opening in Dresden. It would relieve the tax burden for homeowners. Progress can be “positive” if presented to the public in a clear and concise format. Thank you for asking.
- The voters made their opinions known last November. The town has had plenty of time to deal with this issue. A moratorium is just a stall tactic.
- We should not support recreational marijuana as a town = it's a scourge. Our town should present a wholesome picture – not recreational marijuana cultivation facilities, retail stores, social clubs, etc.
- I'm worried about smoking and driving.
- How long ago was medicinal marijuana legalized?
- This is a fantastic opportunity, especially with so many towns turning away from it. Get on it. Now.
- 180 day moratorium starting in June is “kicking the can down the road.” A study should already be underway.

- We had a year already. Let's think like a Republican. We'll be job creators!
- No products should be created to entice younger people.
- Law passed over a year ago.
- Concerned re: increasing availability and use of MJ by young folks.
- To Hell with the moratorium. Enact an ordinance against it's production, sale, or the ability to have a club!!
- We need more businesses in this town – increases tax base and expands opportunity.
- Town does not need this crap.
- We do not need that in Dresden!!!
- When society decides that all substances that can be abused and cause harm to the public should not be allowed – then I would be inclined to have an opinion on this matter.
- This is a slippery slope with many possible ramifications not even considered or thought of yet!
- There needs to be a fair and nonjudgemental discussion by Maine, the town, and even the broader culture For example, if pot is in fact a gateway drug. And with regards to the compliance with federal statues, so marijuana isn't suffering from it's lumping in with cocaine and opiates (legal and illegal), as a a schedule one substance. The town and it's individual taxpayers face potential and costly lawsuits until some of these issues are settled. To be clear, if a majority of us either use cannabis or know upstanding, full-functioning adults who use it, who does it harm and why waste precious tax dollars on enforcement and incarceration? (I applaud the selectboard for it's offering the opportunity for people to voice their opinions.)
- Absolutely not, the town has had plenty of time to figure it out. Stop kicking the can.

Comments next to survey questions, not at bottom:

(Cultivation facilities) With a facility size limit

(Manufacturing facilities) In commercial zone, not in the village/mills

(Testing facilities) What is a testing facility exactly?

Not sure what this requires.

(Social clubs) Concerns what this means, like bar but smoke marijuana

(Moratorium) Open to concept, would like to discuss and see how other towns handling this