



## THE ROCKPORT BOARD OF HEALTH, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND PLANNING BOARD INVITE YOU TO:

### A CONVERSATION ABOUT BANNING OR ALLOWING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR YOUTH?

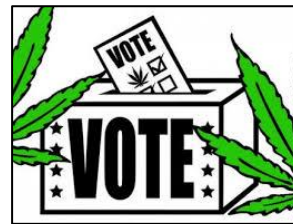
May 8th 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Rockport Library, 17 School Street (Brenner Friends Room)

Free of Charge and Open to the Public – Parents, Students, Business Owners, Residents & Guests Invited



to ban or to approve?



The very hot topic of recreational marijuana establishments coming to cities and towns throughout Massachusetts is confusing at best. **Rockport residents voted at Town Meeting to hold a general election (which will be May 15<sup>th</sup>) to either ban or allow recreational marijuana establishments in Rockport.** The legalization of marijuana in Massachusetts remains as is; **this vote would be to ban or approve recreational marijuana establishments in Rockport;** as such, this is an important time in the Town's history...both present and future for residents, businesses, and tourists alike.

Discussion will include the following about marijuana and recreational marijuana establishments and more:

- What are recreational marijuana establishments, where will they be located if we vote to allow them and will/how will the establishments be monitored?
- The risks and public safety implications of allowing recreational marijuana establishments; enforcement will also be discussed
- The Implications on youth access, youth health, and youth mental health
- The financial implications of having marijuana sales in Town: cash cow or burden on resources and taxes?
- Q&A Session with Board of Health, Planning Board, Health Personnel, Police Chief, and others

*RSVP not necessary but is very helpful. Feel free to bring a guest to this important session. Please email your response and how many in your group to [mpeters@rockportma.gov](mailto:mpeters@rockportma.gov). You may send questions to be forwarded to the panel prior to the event if you wish to ask questions anonymously.*