The Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM to receive public comment from Berlin residents and property owners on whether cannabis establishment uses should be permitted in the Town of Berlin. The purpose of this page is to provide information regarding Connecticut General Statutes Section 21a-420, *et seq.* AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE AND EQUITABLE REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS (also known as RERACA) in preparation for the special meeting/public forum. Immediately below is the Notice and Agenda for the special meeting followed by links to the Act, regulations prepared by the Department of Consumer Protection, etc. \*\*\* PLEASE SCROLL DOWN\*\*\*

**TOWN OF BERLIN**

**TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

**TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 AT 6:00 PM**

**IN PERSON AT**

**BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 139 PATTERSON WAY**

**AND VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE CALL**

**Videoconference Link:** [**https://berlinct-gov.zoom.us/j/89048044587?pwd=cC9OVHZSdVJHQjcvR3FwNjNlSmUrdz09**](https://berlinct-gov.zoom.us/j/89048044587?pwd=cC9OVHZSdVJHQjcvR3FwNjNlSmUrdz09)

**Conference Call Information:**

**Dial In Number: 1-929-205-6099**

**Meeting ID: 890 4804 4587**

**Passcode: 061820**

The Berlin Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Special Meeting on **Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM** in person at the Berlin High School Auditorium at 139 Patterson Way, and via Zoom videoconference and conference call (the Videoconference Link, Dial In Number, Meeting ID, and Passcode are noted above), to conduct the following:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

III. Discussion of Connecticut General Statutes Section 21a-420, *et seq.* AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE AND EQUITABLE REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS (also known as RERACA).\*  A brief introduction will be given by staff and counsel then public comment will be received by the Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission from Berlin residents and property owners on whether cannabis establishment uses should be permitted in the Town of Berlin. If time allows, there may be further discussion between the Town Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

1. Adjournment

\*Information regarding the Act can be found at <http://berlinct.gov/cannabis>.

With the passage of Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Section 21a-408, *et seq.*, (Chapter 420f) the “Palliative Use of Marijuana” <https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_420f.htm>, or medicinal marijuana, became legal in Connecticut. The statute provided authority for two categories of potential permitted use at the municipal level: dispensary and producer.

When C.G.S. Section 21a-420, *et seq.* (Chapter 420h), “Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis” <https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_420h.htm>, became law in 2021, the authority for several categories of potential permitted cannabis establishment use related to recreational marijuana was added: cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery service, and transporter.

Municipal action to allow, prohibit, or temporarily stay (through enactment of a moratorium) these potential cannabis establishment uses, is to be reported to the Department of Consumer Protection and an updated list of actions taken by municipalities can be found on the DCP website at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/Knowledge-Base/Articles/Municipal-cannabis-zoning-changes-reported-to-DCP?language=en_US>.

The following is a link to some regulations, meeting minutes, etc. regarding municipal actions taken [..\Cannabis Actions By Other Municipalities.pdf](../Cannabis%20Actions%20By%20Other%20Municipalities.pdf)

In addition, the regulations prepared by DCP can be found at:

[https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Search/getDocument?guid={10DE457E-0000-C254-A065-4741D31B6E32}](https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Search/getDocument?guid=%7b10DE457E-0000-C254-A065-4741D31B6E32%7d).

For more information, please visit <https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/>.