

PUBLIC  
HEARING  
COMMENTS

# E-Vehicles For the Town Fleet

celina adams <[REDACTED]>

Sat 4/10/2021 9:13 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Dear Councilors,

I recently saw in the April 12th meeting packet, a request by the Town Manager to replace two retiring vehicles in our fleet with electric vehicles (EV). I'm writing to fully support this request.

Those of us paying attention to trends, who have concerns about mitigating climate change, predict that electrification of the US car market is inevitable. With available rebates and the expected proliferation of charging stations, this is an easy choice. It is also a move that will likely save us money in the long run.

I'm pleased to see Kittery positioning itself as a forward- thinking municipality. I ask you to support the Town Manager's request to lease two EV's. I hope this trend of replacing fuel-based vehicles with electric versions will continue.

Best,  
Celina Adams

Mendum Avenue  
Kittery, Maine

# Electric vehicle

Marla Baldassare <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 11:41 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

I support and ev station and town vehicles

Marla Baldassare

Kittery store owner

# Support for EV Lease Authorization

Ben Sweeney <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 11:55 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Dear Councilors,

I encourage you to support the lease authorization of two EVs for the Town fleet and the installation of an EV charging station during the April 12, 2021 Town Council meeting. These actions will contribute to the advancement of the Town's goals laid out in the Coastal Community Resilience section of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and also supports relevant strategies identified in the State of Maine's recently released "Maine Won't Wait" Climate Action Plan.

Not only is the switch to renewable energy imperative for the long-term sustainability and health of our community, but the timing to make this switch is ideal due to the existing rebates and financial incentives that will save Kittery money.

Members of our community are increasingly eager for climate action, as evidenced by the establishment of a new grassroots organization in town called [Kittery Climate Action Now](#).

Thank you for your consideration.

Ben

# EV Leases

Debbie 

Sun 4/11/2021 12:11 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Kittery Town Council,

Each step makes a difference. Thank you for embracing a greener future for Kittery! This is a great time to invest in EVs and EV Charging Stations with Efficiency Maine's rebates.

Debbie Driscoll

Kittery Point

[Sent from the all new Aol app for iOS](#)

# Electric Cars and Kittery

Deirdre Donchian <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 12:29 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Hello Town Council,

Kittery has a chance to be a leader in the Seacoast regarding EV cars. I 100% support the town in buying electric cars and adding a charging station. I think the station location might be better located at the Community center. However either way is a move in the right direction for the town, the Seacoast and the world.

Deirdre Donchian  
MSW, LCSW, LICSW,  
PCAC ADHD Coach  
[ddonchian@gmail.com](mailto:ddonchian@gmail.com)  
603.205.5426

# Electric vehicles

Roland Scott <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 12:30 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

I support the Town of Kittery leasing two electric vehicle under the proposal and installing one or more vehicle charging stations. It appears to be very practical and economic under the incentive programs the town can currently take advantage. The low annual cost, environmental benefit, reduction in fuel and Maintenance expense makes this a major town benefit.

Roland Scott  
8 Dahlia Dr, Kittery, ME 03904

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Roland Scott  
[rscott3100@gmail.com](mailto:rscott3100@gmail.com)  
616.540.3100

# April 12 Council meeting--electric vehicle agenda item 040221-2

david marshall <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 1:06 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

I enthusiastically support the proposal to lease several electric vehicles. I would also urge the Town to install an EV charging station at the Town Hall.

david marshall  
Goodwin Rd

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.



# Town EV's

Kenneth FElloWS



Sun 4/11/2021 3:05 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

I'm for Kittery getting EV's as soon, as many, as possible. Ken Fellows  
(73 Ch. Ck. Rd., KP, ME)

# Support of EVs

Kate Harris <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 4:13 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

As a very satisfied owner of an electric vehicle, I wholeheartedly support the town of Kittery moving in the direction of EVs by leasing two electric vehicles and installing a charging station at town hall. EVs are more efficient, save money in maintenance, and are a perfect vehicle for town use.

Hilary Harris

Kittery, ME

# Statement in support of leasing an EV for Code Enforcement

Bob Sheppard <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 4:39 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

To the Kittery Town Council and Manager,

I am writing in favor of the proposal to lease a pair of an electric vehicle for use by town employees, along with the installation of a charging station at Kittery town hall. Based on our personal experience over the last four years I believe this investment would result in an overall savings for taxpayers. More importantly, such action would also be consistent with Kittery's commitment to reduce its environmental footprint, demonstrating leadership by our community.

We bought a used, low mileage Extended Range EV in late 2016 after considering several traditional vehicles. Since then we have put 33,220 miles on our Volt, largely commuting to work in NH, and running errands around Kittery. Over that time operating costs have been limited to replacing four tires, and a single oil change in addition to insurance, inspection and registration fees. After 12 months of charging on a standard outdoor receptacle, we upgraded to a 240 Volt outlet reducing total time on the plug from eight to four hours. Since most of our travel is at speeds of less than 50 mph we are relying primarily on electricity, at less than \$2.00 to top off the batteries.

When the lithium cells run out of charge, the internal combustion engine kicks in under the hood, serving as a generator providing electric power for up to 300 additional miles on a full tank. Again that does not happen much as we have consumed a total of less than 250 gallons of premium gasoline since purchase, which translates to 133 mpg. (33,220/250). You should know that cold weather does affect battery capacity, in our case reducing summer time range of 45 +/- miles to 25 during the four months of the year when temps are consistently below 40F.

In terms of performance the Volt is one of the best engineered cars that I have owned, with a low center of gravity and surprising torque. This is a front wheel drive with all-season radials that provides good traction in various road conditions easily negotiating our steep driveway. The regenerative braking system relies on the engine to help slow the vehicle, which means less wear and tear on brakes translating into lower operating costs. I think a newer model EV such as the Chevy Leaf featuring state-of-the-art technology would more than meet the needs of the Code Enforcement Department. Hope that you will give this proposal serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Sheppard  
16 Cross Street  
Kittery, Me

# We support: Electric Vehicle Leases - Code Cars Kittery Maine

John Werner <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 5:09 PM

To: town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>; Jane Werner <[REDACTED]>; John Werner <[REDACTED]>;

Town Council:

My wife Jane and I, both Kittery voting residents, fully support this proposed ordinance. We live at 8 Pearson PL, Kittery. We have voted in every election since relocating to Kittery in May 2016. The Town needs to move forward in support of the Maine Climate Council goals. Now is the time to take one step forward by approving this ordinance. We will remember how you vote and use your voting results to inform how we vote at our next Town election. Climate change is real and WE NEED TO RESPOND to it NOW!

The Town of Kittery is engaged in a multi-pronged approach to improve the community's climate sustainability and coastal resiliency. One of the objectives, under the category of mobility, is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations by prioritizing electric vehicles for the municipal fleet.

**AN ORDINANCE** relating to the municipality's 1 authority for Town governance to give due and 2 proper attention to its many demands pursuant to the Town Charter, Federal law, and Maine 3 Revised Statutes, and more particularly where set forth in Maine Revised Statutes Title 30-A, 4 Municipalities and Counties.

5 **WHEREAS**, the Kittery Town Council is authorized to enact this Ordinance, as specified in 6 Sections 1.01, 2.07(3), and 6.11(3) of the Town Charter; and 30-A MRS §3001, pursuant to its 7 powers that authorize the town, under certain circumstances, to provide for the public health, 8 welfare, morals, and safety, and does not intend for this Ordinance to conflict with any existing 9 state or federal laws; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Kittery is interested in leasing two electric vehicles to replace an 11 existing internal combustion engine vehicle that has exceeded its end of useful life; and

12 **WHEREAS**, by leasing the vehicles the Town may take advantage of various rebates and 13 financial incentives available through Efficiency Maine and the vehicle manufacturers;

14 **NOW THEREFORE**, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 30-A MRS §3001, AND TOWN 15 CHARTER §§2.14 and 6.11(3), THE TOWN OF KITTERY HEREBY ORDAINS APPROVAL 16 FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR TWO ELECTRIC 17 VEHICLES.

John Werner and Jane Werner 8 Pearson PL, Kittery, Maine  
703-0159

email: [jwernernjit@gmail.com](mailto:jwernernjit@gmail.com)

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# Leasing EV's

Pauli Rines <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 7:19 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Town Council:

I am writing in support of the town of Kittery leasing two electric vehicles to replace existing deteriorated gas automobiles. This would be putting Kittery in alignment with the ME Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gases and for Kittery to take advantage of rebates available through Efficiency Maine. Another benefit is it would set an example for the residents of Kittery to consider switching to EV's. In addition, there would be very minimal maintenance costs. For all these reasons I am supportive of the leasing of electric vehicles for the town.

Sincerely,

Pauli Rines  
18 Pepperrell Road  
Kittery Point, ME 03905

# Electric Vehicles

Renee Fifield <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 9:01 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

I am writing to to the town Council to express my support in the town leasing two electric vehicles as two of the town vehicles need replacing. As we move forward as a community to address climate change, I believe this is a step in the right direction to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and set a positive example to our town.

Sincerely, Renee Fifield (Kittery town resident)

Embrace now.

Sent from my iPhone

Renee

# Electric vehicles support

Rich Stevens <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 11:55 PM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Hello,

I wanted to add my voice to support for the new vehicles and charging station. I have owned a hybrid for 5 years but just now upgraded to full electric. I am more than satisfied with the cars. They require hardly any maintenance and handle quite nicely compared to ICE cars.

Maine suffers from a severe lack of charging stations. I know they are being built along i-95 but town stations are rare. Given that NH is even worse, Kittery has an obligation to support electric car owners.

Please consider moving ahead with this acquisition.  
Thanks very much

Richard Stevens  
6 kings ct  
207-438-0141

# I support EV stations

Rebecca Emerson <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 7:34 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

My name is Rebecca Emerson-Brown, I live at 11 wilson Rd, Kittery, ME 03904

I support electric vehicle chargers in town.

Thank you



# Electric vehicle charging stations

Amy Adams <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 7:36 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Electric vehicle charging stations are essential for the future. Put them at the town hall in honor of our children's future.

Thank you,

Amy Adams  
59 Picott Rd  
Kittery ME 03904  
207-703-0210

# Electric Vehicles and Charging Station



Mon 4/12/2021 7:52 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Good morning,

I am in support of the town's leasing of two EV vehicles and the installation of an EV charging station. It is a positive move in the right direction.

Thank you,

Jen Thayer

R.W. Traip Academy / Kittery, ME

Special Education Paraprofessional

Unit C Union Co-President

# Leasing EV's for the Town

David V Gibson <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 8:47 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

I firmly support the town setting an example by leasing EV's for staff use.

David V. Gibson  
31 Pepperrell Rd, Kittery Point, ME 03905

Not sent from an Apple product.

# EV Vehicle Leasing for CEO - Please Approve

Ryan Bailey <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 9:43 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Town Council,

I'm writing to support the Town Manager's recommendation to lease two Nissan Leaf's for the code enforcement officer's.

The town manager has done a good job taking advantage of state grants for the vehicles and the associated charging infrastructure, which will minimize the upfront cost of the equipment, shrink the town's carbon footprint, and minimize long-term operating costs. This is exactly the use scenario that shorter range and lower cost EVs excel at.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bailey  
16 Charles Hill Road  
Kittery Point, ME

# Support of EV vehicles and charging station

Betty Olivolo <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 10:13 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

I'd like to voice my support of the Town of Kittery leasing two EV vehicles and installing an EV charging station at Town Hall. This is a great example to set to reduce the use of fossil fuels in Kittery, and electric vehicles can offer significant financial savings to residents and businesses in the community.

Betty Olivolo  
5 Philbrick Lane, #3  
Kittery, ME 03904  
603-686-1954

# KITTERY TOWN CODE – ELECTRIC VEHICLE LEASE AUTHORIZATION

Cameron Wake <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 10:42 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

April 12, 2021

TO: Town Council, Town of Kittery  
FROM: Cameron Wake, Chair, Kittery Climate Adaptation Committee

RE: KITTERY TOWN CODE – ELECTRIC VEHICLE LEASE AUTHORIZATION

The scientific research regarding climate change is crystal clear. We must start reducing greenhouse gas emissions significantly now and over the next decade to maintain a stable climate system. One of the central recommendations in the 2020 Maine Climate Action Plan is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector and one of the primary strategies is to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles.

One of the charges of the Kittery Climate Adaptation Committee is to assist the Town in achieving cost effective energy efficiency measures to reduce energy consumption and lower reliance on carbon-based fossil fuel. The Climate Adaptation Committee is therefore fully supportive of the request to lease electric vehicles and install Level 2 charging stations and commends the Town for leading by example and pursuing rebates and grants so that we can begin the transitions to electric vehicles in a cost effective manner.

# Electric Vehicle Lease proposal

Wes Tator <w[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 11:05 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Cc:Wes Tator <[REDACTED]>;

For the record, I am Wes Tator. I reside at 63 Old Post Road and have been active for over 5 years in building solutions to climate change which is the biggest single threat to our future.

First, I want to commend the Council, town staff, the Climate Adaptation Committee, for providing leadership in building resilience in an economically and socially responsible manner. Electric vehicles while only about 2% of sales and leases in 2019, are rapidly growing both due to demand and the auto industry's response. Beyond the environmental and health benefits which are substantial, electric vehicles are about 80% efficient in contrast to the typical 40% efficiency of gas fired vehicles. In addition their maintenance costs are substantially lower. Thus, even without incentives they are a solid investment. As is pointed out in the background paper, the use profile for code enforcement is ideal for lease of an electric vehicle.

**One thing that did catch my eye is the lease rate of \$608/month per vehicle. US News and World Reports is [saying](#) there are at least 12 lease packages from auto manufacturers available under \$300/month.** The market here in Maine may be substantially different than markets elsewhere, but a difference of \$300/month seems substantial.

**The beginning of the briefing paper makes the point that the town of Kittery is committed to sustainability and resilience.** While leasing an electric vehicle makes sense, it does little for our **sustainability or resilience as the threats are outside of our community.** A case, in point, is that Maine as a whole contributes only about 3% of the emissions, meaning the impacts of climate change are largely from other sources. The **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Control,(IPCC)** the most prestigious body on the planet, has been very clear that **action needs to be taken on a national level and the single most important step is to price carbon.** Pricing carbon is being debated in Congress and being considered by the President right now. **I suggest that if sustainability and resilience are the goals, then we in Kittery need to makes our voices heard as have 100's of communities across the country, including Portsmouth.**

Thank you for considering my views. I very much appreciate your leadership in building the resilience of Kittery



[www.cclusa.org](http://www.cclusa.org)

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wes@2bgreenprofitably.com

**Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.**

Security is mostly a superstition.

It does not exist in nature.

Nor do the children of men as a whole experience it.

Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than out right exposure

**Hellen Keller**



# 4/12/21 EV Town Council Meeting

Allison Maurice <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 11:10 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Good Morning,

On behalf of Lily Watts and myself, student representatives for the Kittery Climate Adaptation Committee, we would like to support the leasing of EVs and installation of charging stations as progress towards efficient and renewable energy. There is significant understanding that fossil fuels are contributing greatly to the climate change crisis, meaning that the introduction of renewable energy can help to curb the impact humans have on the environment. As younger members of the community, we are inheriting the world that's been given to us, with all of the pollution, limited resources, and increasingly dire climate crisis, so we would like the town to support the future by investing in renewable energy now! Thank you so much and have a great day!

Allison Maurice and Lily Watts  
Student Representatives to the Kittery Climate Adaptation Committee  
Members of KitteryCAN  
Founding Members of the Traip Sustainability Group

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From: Kittery Land Trust  
To: Kendra Amaral, Town of Kittery  
Date: April 12, 2021  
Subject: Norton Preserve: Public Access and Neighbor Concerns

The Kittery Land Trust (KLT) thanks the Kittery Town Council for this opportunity to comment on the request to eliminate parking at the end of Norton Road, where the public accesses the Norton Preserve, which is owned by all Kittery citizens and stewarded by KLT.

KLT has been aware of the concerns of neighbors since it was brought to KLT's attention in May of 2020. At that time, three households communicated their concerns and frustrations with the increase in public visitation to the Norton Preserve and the impacts this had on them. The neighbors noted that although their concerns existed prior to the pandemic, the issues increased significantly when other open spaces were restricted due to the virus. Since then, KLT has been working on resolving the issue and continues to do so. Since January of 2021, KLT has only continued to hear from one of the three households.

KLT has three clear objectives in this matter. First, the public must have access to the Norton Preserve, which is owned by the residents of Kittery. It is their land, and the deed (and the NOAA CELCP funding agency) makes it clear that a primary purpose of the land is to provide for public access, recreation and education. They should be able to access their land without being confused or intimidated by neighbors. Second, we have tried to do what we can to minimize neighbor frustrations. That's part of KLT's commitment to building community and being good neighbors. However, the third objective is that we cannot/will not simply move the problem to neighbors who live further away from Norton.

The KLT Board of Advisors has discussed this issue multiple times and does not support the elimination of parking on Norton as this would decrease access to the Norton Preserve. Such an action would be against the guiding purpose of the Conservation Easement governing this property – specifically:

*“This Conservation Easement is intended to protect the natural, scenic and undeveloped character of the Protected Property, to assure its continuing availability as a public nature preserve for low- impact outdoor recreation, nature observation, education, and research.”*

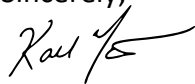
We believe there are solutions to the parking that can be explored without completely eliminating parking on a public road. In addition, KLT does not believe there is any justification

for changing the easement or original Memorandum of Understanding between KLT and the Town. The vast majority of visitors to the Norton Preserve behave in a respectful way; unfortunately, there will always be some who are less respectful.

All parties, KLT, the Town, and the neighbors on Norton Rd, need to be willing to explore creative solutions to this parking issue. A concerted, creative and collaborative approach to addressing the parking issue has not really been attempted yet. With some good ideas and some clear signage, KLT believes it will be possible to improve the situation. When the solutions have been decided on, KLT can update its website accordingly.

While KLT knows it will be difficult to find a solution that makes everyone fully satisfied we are committed to addressing this problem in a way that recognizes the rights of both the public to access their land but also mitigates neighbor concerns. KLT looks forward to finding solutions to this issue that build community, in accordance with its mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kalle Matso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kalle Matso

President, Board of Directors, Kittery Land Trust

# Re: Opt out Rec. Marijuana

Shaye Robbins <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/1/2021 11:42 AM

To: Kendra Amaral <KAmaral@kitteryme.org>;

Cc: town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Thank you for the clarification Kendra,

The fact that the council can, and does have the right to vote to continue the current status-Opting out of retail marijuana sales in the Town of Kittery- is just as important as your personal opinion, albeit one of a person in the business of municipal governance, that any ordinance would pass at the ballot box. We all know that the best predictions in the polling and opinion business are, can be, and have been wrong.

There has been a significant focus on this last petition and I believe that the same mentions that Opting out, which has significant benefits to our community, should be mentioned as often and with the same air of authority as the mentions of the poorly written, self interested petition.

I will remind the Town Council that NOT signing a petition is a choice as well as signing one. The number of people who walk past a petitioner or are never approached by a petitioner because they do not fit the stereotype of a likely signee, should also be taken into consideration. Governing by referendum and petition I agree is a poor substitute for educated and deliberate decisions.

I also remind the council that we have been saddled with a bad State bill- passed by petition, which has created a nearly impotent OMP- as pointed out by one Councilor during the workshop, and now we are battling a bad ordinance created by petition, with false haste created by a fear or threat that a petitioner might return. All this while this is still classified a federally illegal drug. With no State revenue sharing for communities that opt in.

I continue to have significant issues with the current version of the ordinance being created those include but are not limited to: no ability to remove bad actors, similar to the admitted inability to monitor our first business medical marijuana that has significant loopholes in regard to major home occupation- as brought up by a Councilor in the last workshop. Additionally there is a focus to concentrate all retail marijuana in one area of town- our most visible and most promising areas for affordable housing, and furthest away from our targeted former business park. Additionally the arbitrary loosening of protection devised at the State level to create distance between child care and day care centers, as well as and most significantly absolutely no rules around growing or extraction and no comments by our local water district as to the ability to provide.

I again suggest that the Town Council continue to opt out of this business, Marijuana remains legal to possess, grow personally or have for medical use. The opt out option does not deny the residents of Kittery anything,

Shaye Robbins

On Mar 30, 2021, at 7:29 PM, Kendra Amaral <[KAmaral@kitteryme.org](mailto:KAmaral@kitteryme.org)> wrote:

Hi Shaye,

The Council by Charter has ordinance authority and can choose to vote the proposed amendments down, which in effect would be a vote for Kittery to remain dry.

However, by Charter, the citizen can gather signatures for a petition for the ordinances to be adopted by special election. If enough signatures are collected (which was the case in November) it will have to go to ballot. In the most recent case, the citizen agreed to drop his petition, despite getting far more than the required amount of signatures, when we pointed out some fatal flaws in his version.

Generally, our concern is that the petitioner's version of the ordinance was not close to what we would think is workable and in Kittery's interest. So we are trying to get something that has better processes and performance standards.

It is reasonable to anticipate an ordinance to allow retail marijuana has a good chance of passing at the ballot box, based on the signature collection efforts for the prior petition, and Kittery's overwhelming support of the state referendum that legalized adult-use and the subsequent local non-binding referendum for adult use.

We always encourage citizens to write, call, email the Council and/or participate in the Council public hearing to voice their opinions on the matter. I know they are listening.

Take care and stay safe,  
Kendra

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**From:** Shaye Robbins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:16 AM  
**To:** town comments <[tcomments@kitteryme.org](mailto:tcomments@kitteryme.org)>; Kendra Amaral <[KAmaral@kitteryme.org](mailto:KAmaral@kitteryme.org)>  
**Cc:** Dutch Dunkelberger <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Questions: Opt out Rec. Marijuana

Hello,

I have a number of concerns regarding the recent workshop between Town Council and the Planning Board regarding the nascent rules and regulations pertaining to the land use code regarding recreational marijuana in the Town of Kittery.

Marijuana continues to be illegal at the federal level. The Town of Kittery gains no benefit that we do not already have in accessing tax dollars from this industry as there is no revenue sharing with communities who opt in. Medical marijuana, possession and home growing are legal in Maine by State law, and cannot be changed by local ordinance.

My overarching question is in regard to **the right of the Town Council to maintain our community as an 'opt out' or 'dry' community** in regard to recreational marijuana. I understand a petition created by a person who is not from our community has forced our Planning Board to prioritize land use code in relation to recreational marijuana. A situation I continue to hear referred to as "working with the petitioner".

My question is: Can the Town Council vote to maintain the opt out status, or has the petition taken away that right by our community?

Thank you for answering my question regarding the right of the Town of Kittery to maintain an 'opt out' status despite the past, or any future petitions.

Shaye Robbins  
24 Heron Point Lane

# Concerns regarding nighttime activities at Seaport Beach

Todd Thayer <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/12/2021 7:49 AM

To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

My name is Todd Thayer. My wife Debbie and I live at 8 Thaxter Lane. It's one of the three houses with beachfront property to the left of the parking area. We'd like to raise our concerns regarding the number of bonfires that are occurring and the related nighttime activities. Here is some brief examples from just this past weekend:

- Friday night there were fires/parties up and down the beach including in front of my and my neighbors houses. At least one large party was still going strong at 11:30 when I turned in.
- I saw someone from one of the parties wondering around my neighbors back yard with a flashlight. I assume they were either looking for wood to burn or relieving themselves.
- Saturday morning Deb and I walked the beach and filled 2 trash bags with garbage (glass bottles, cans, plastic etc.)
- Saturday night was even busier. One fire was still burning at 2:30am. One in front of our house was smoking and may have still been lit.
- Sunday morning Deb counted 12 fire pits and found a wooden pallet, a sheet of plywood and milled lumber left on the beach.
- I know the police were here on Saturday night, perhaps on Friday too, I'm not sure. We were happy to see them.

Let us summarize our feelings about all this for you. We love living in Kittery. My wife was born and raised in Portland and after spending the past 30 years in other New England states we are thrilled to be back. We have no issues with people using our slice of beach for "normal" beach activities. We very much want to be good neighbors and let people enjoy what we are very lucky to now own. We are however very concerned with what is taking place at night. Trespassing into our backyards, the trash, the fire hazard, not to mention my liability should someone get hurt.

Would the town council be willing to talk about these issues or can you point me to the right department?

Thank you.

Todd & Debbie