

Town of Machias
Public Hearing
Wednesday, July 8, 2026
At Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium

Chairman Jake Patryn called the hearing to order at 6 p.m.

Attending were all board members: Jacob Patryn, Ben Edwards, Sandra Sinford, Carole Porcher, Mike Hinerman; Town Manager Sarah Dedmon, Town Clerk Sandra Clifton.

Four residents attended as well as a number of non-residents.

Jake Patryn explained that the hearing was an opportunity for comment on a proposed moratorium to stop the processing of applications or issuance of permits under the Adult Use and Medical Cannabis Ordinance.

William Merritt said he holds a marijuana license in Columbia and expressed his support of the moratorium, based on increased competition to his business.

David Finlay, a license holder in Machias, also supported the moratorium

Another out of town license holder noted that if a large business comes into town with significant financial backing, it will drive out the existing businesses.

There were no other commenters, and the hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.