The retail establishments subcommittee met on July 27, 2015 to discuss waste disposal and the marijuana handler permit. The following is a summary of that meeting and the subcommittee’s rule recommendations on those topics. For purposes of this and future summaries and recommendations, these phrases are defined as follows:

- “Believes” or “agrees”: no member of the committee voiced a conflicting opinion or approach.
- “Generally agrees”: some members of the committee voiced a differing sentiment than this prevailing opinion or approach.

1. Waste Disposal

The retail establishments subcommittee members believe that it is a business decision to lock trash bins or place trash bins in a locked enclosure. They generally agree that locks do not stop the bins from being broken into and that an education program, possibly including signs to post on the bins, could help the public to understand that little or no usable product is disposed of in the trash. The members generally agree that it would be beneficial to have secure, off-site disposal facilities for disposing of product. Members generally agree that they would like to have rules on composting vegetation, returning other products to the manufacturer for disposal, and disposing of contaminated/hazardous waste at a hazardous waste facility.

2. Marijuana Handler Permit

Subcommittee members generally agree that the marijuana handler permit process should emulate the process for an alcohol service permit, but would like to see the process be tighter by requiring marijuana handler permit applicants to take the required course prior to being able to work. However, the group agrees that marijuana handler permit applicants should be able to work in a position requiring a permit for a period of 60-90 days while the card is in process. They would also like to see a rule requiring applicants to submit a passport photo with their application that can then be affixed the marijuana handler permit.

3. Miscellaneous

The subcommittee members discussed requirements for checking identification and some members thought it would appropriate to check the identification of every purchaser, while others felt that would take
too much time and be a logistical nightmare. They also discussed what hours a recreational marijuana business could be open, and believe that hours for these businesses should not be regulated.