



**Cannabis Advisory Committee
Minutes
Remote Participation via Zoom
November 16, 2023 @ 1:00pm**

Board Members: Barry Rector (Chair), James Cooper, Abby DeMolina, Dorothy Hertz,
Dawn Hill-Holdgate, Joe Plandowski, Jacques Zimicki

I. Call to Order

Chair Rector called the meeting to order at approximately 1:06pm.

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Abby DeMolina Aye
Dawn Hill-Holdgate Aye
Joe Plandowski Aye
Barry Rector (Chair) Aye

Quorum was established

Public:

Dan Berger
Nicole Campbell

II. Remotely Conducted Open Meetings Statement

Chair Rector read a prepared statement in accordance with Governor Baker's March 21, 2020 order regarding open meeting law, which outlines how the meeting is conducted via remote participation and states the ground rules for any discussion.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Dawn Hill-Holdgate made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Plandowski.

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina Aye
Dawn Hill-Holdgate Aye
Joe Plandowski Aye
Barry Rector (Chair) Aye

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Draft Minutes

Tabled by consent.

V. Public Comment

No public comment received.

VI. Election of Officers

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-chair
- c. Secretary

The Chair requested that this matter be continued until a full board is present. Tabled by consent.

VII. Citizen Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting (ATM) 24

Although there were 29 Citizen Warrant Articles submitted for this upcoming ATM, none were relevant to the Cannabis Advisory Committee. Mrs. Hill-Holdgate, Chair of the Select Board, concurred.

VIII. Potential Warrant Articles for ATM 25

Chair Rector stated to the members that two Chapters of the Nantucket Bylaws would need to be reviewed and addressed, namely Chapter 95 (marijuana) and Chapter 139 (Zoning Code). The Chair stated he spoke with the Director of PLUS, Leslie Woodson-Snell, on possible changes to Chapter 139 (Zoning). A major change was converting all references to marijuana to cannabis. Additionally, permissible zoning districts for cannabis should be expanded to all Commercial zones, save the Downtown Core District. Any permits in these districts would be by special permit. The Chair denoted that the Town may want to also consider waiving any Community Host Agreements in the future. Other possible changes included the way the 500 foot separation rule is currently measured, looking toward the future regarding social consumption and possibly changing the current restriction on cannabis delivery. Mr. Plandowski stated he was not in favor of the CCC's requirement for cannabis facilities to contribute to the newly created Cannabis Social Equity fund. Both Mr. Berger and Mrs. Campbell concurred that the contribution to the Social Equity fund was not a mandatory requirement and that Nantucket may well qualify for disproportionately affected individuals. Mr. Plandowski also raised the issue of the possibility of having to reserve or create 1 license for an entity deemed to fit the criteria for social equity. Mr. Plandowski also raised the issue about eliminating the disqualifier for individual with a criminal history background. Mrs. Hill-Holdgate commented that there should be a future meeting with Town Manager to ultimately discuss several of these issues with the Select Board. The Committee members discussed an overview of the initial startup of legalization of cannabis in the state and its evolution to current date. The Chair asked each member to comment. Ms. DeMolina felt it was important to move ahead cautiously because of the ongoing changes being implemented by the CCC and also not be too restrictive in imposing local change. Mr. Berger concurred with Ms. DeMolina. Mr. Plandowski stated he was "on the

fence” about creating more facilities on the island and the success of moving these issues ahead at Town Meeting. Mrs. Hill-Holdgate agreed with her peers and thought the subject may draw a different crowd at Town Meeting to support such changes.

IX. Discussion of Implemented Changes by Cannabis Control Commission to 935 CMR 500.000: “Adult- and Medical use Cannabis Regulations to Implement Massachusetts’ Cannabis Equity Law”

The Chair asked the Committee if they wanted to comment on the current changes imposed by the CCC, but cautioned that it may be prudent to wait until final revisions are in place. There were no objections from the members.

X. Update on Town Administration review of Social Equity from Town Manager on Social Equity Policy for the Town

Mr. Rector stated that both the Town Manager and Town Council had reviewed the Social Equity policy drafted by the CAC. They concurred that it was best to wait on implementing that policy until final revisions were made by the CCC on the policy. Mrs. Gibson gave thanks to the members for generating the draft policy.

XI. Next meeting

- a. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00PM
- b. Next tentatively scheduled meeting December 21, 2023

XII. Adjournment

Mrs. Campbell stated she had been absent from several meetings and would like to get caught up on what has been transacted by the CAC. The Chair stated he meet with Mrs. Campbell at her discretion to discuss such.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hill-Holdgate and seconded by Mr. Plandowski to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:08pm

Board Members:

Abby DeMolina Aye
Dawn Hill-Holdgate Aye
Joe Plandowski Aye
Barry Rector (Chair) Aye

Motion approved unanimously.