



**Cannabis Advisory Committee
Minutes
Remote Participation via Zoom
May 16, 2024 @ 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 1:08pm.

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Barry Rector (Chair) *Aye*
Abby DeMolina *Aye*
Joe Plandowski *Aye*
Jacques Zimicki *Aye*

Quorum was established

Public:

Dan Berger
Kelly Emery

II. Remotely Conducted Open Meetings Statement

Chair Rector read the shortened prepared statement adopted by the Town regarding hybrid meetings and open meeting law.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Plandowski made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Zimicki.

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina *Aye*
Joe Plandowski *Aye*
Jacques Zimicki *Aye*
Barry Rector (Chair) *Aye*

IV. Approval of Draft Minutes

- a. June 15, 2023
- b. November 16, 2023
- c. January 18, 2024

Motion by Mr. Plandowski, seconded by Ms. DeMolina to approve the three sets of minutes.

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina *Aye*
Joe Plandowski *Aye*
Jacques Zimicki *Aye*
Barry Rector (Chair) *Aye*

V. Public Comment

Mr. Berger mentioned that the Cannabis Control Commission was reviewing the transport of cannabis products between the mainland and both Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. The members discussed the associated problems and positive aspects.

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. Discussion on Reappointments

Mr. Rector will have further discussions with Town Administration. He specifically addressed the lack of participation by the Board of Health appointee and one additional member of the Committee for personal reasons. Mr. Plandowski noted that the 4 of the members have terms that expire in 2024. The other 3 members terms are dictated by their appointing authorities. Mr. Rector expressed his sincere appreciation for the current working members of the Committee.

VIII. DEA reschedules Cannabis to Schedule III [DEA Agrees To Reschedule Marijuana Under Federal Law In Historic Move Following Biden-Directed Health Agency's Recommendation - Marijuana Moment](#)

Mr. Rector stated that the DEA rescheduling cannabis to Schedule III was laced with problems. Mr. Plandowski noted that implementation was at least 6-12 months away.

IX. Updates from Cannabis Control Commission

Mr. Rector asked that the Commissioners alert the Chair if they became aware of any forward movement on the cannabis island transportation issue. Mr. Plandowski stated that the Cannabis Control Commission was still reviewing candidates for the Executive Director's position.

X. Town-wide Agenda Protocol

No Comments

XI. Committee Comments & Reports

Mr. Plandowski queried if Mr. Berger would like to report on the issues of Cannabis Transportation as well as Social Consumption. Mr. Berger stated he is still working on a courier license for his facility located in Salem, MA. He also stated he is assembling signatures on Nantucket for a petition to allow social consumption, which he may submit to the Town in August. Mr. Berger also denoted the different levels of transportation licensure and the security issues involved with transportation. Mr. Rector asked for some clarity on the aforementioned petition. Mr. Berger stated the signatures would be given to the Town Clerk in August for inclusion on the upcoming Ballot in November. Licensing requirements from the Cannabis Control Commission and the Town would still be required, no matter the outcome.

XII. Next meeting

- a. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00PM
- b. Next tentatively scheduled meeting June 20, 2024

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Plandowski and seconded by Ms. DeMolina to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:44pm

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina *Aye*

Joe Plandowski *Aye*

Jacques Zimicki *Aye*

Barry Rector (Chair) *Aye*