



**Cannabis Advisory Committee
DRAFT Minutes
Remote Participation via Zoom
August 15, 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 1:09pm.

In Attendance:

Board Members:

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

Quorum was established

Public:

None

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

Mrs. 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*

IV. Approval of Draft Minutes

- a. September 21, 2023
- b. May 16, 2024

Motion by Mr. Plandowski, seconded by Mrs. Hill Holdgate to approve both sets of minutes.

Vote taken by Roll Call:

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

V. Public Comment

None

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 stated he had communications from Erika Mooney stating that she was still working on the reappointment schedule. In the meantime, the current appointments still stand. More information will follow. For members appointed by other authorities, their reappointment is determinized by their respective Board. Mr. Rector expressed his sincere appreciation for the current working members of the Committee.

IX. Updates from Cannabis Control Commission (CCC)

Mr. Rector denoted that the CCC is in a great state of chaos at this time. The CCC continues to search for a new Executive Director. In the meantime, the Director of Testing and the Director of Licensing have both resigned from the CCC. In addition, there are allegations that several millions of dollars from licensing fees were stolen from the CCC (This report is alleged and under investigation). Mr. Plandowski concurred with Mr. Rector and echoed his sentiments.

XI. Committee Comments & Reports

Mr. Rector said he was aware that Dan Berger was planning on submitting by petition a question on the November local ballot regarding Social Consumption of Cannabis. Mr. Rector was confident we would be hearing more from Mr. Berger at our next meeting. Mr. Plandowski

raised the issue of the status of legislation to allow cannabis transport to/from the mainland and Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Mr. Rector stated he was unclear on where the implementation of that legislation stood, especially in light of the current status of the CCC. He will try to contact Town Counsel to determine said status. Mr. Plandowski also mentioned he had been monitoring and sending out information to the Committee on the current financial holdings for various cannabis facilities. He raised concerns over the financial viability of establishments and the industry in general as more facilities continue to be built.

XII. Next meeting

- a. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00PM
- b. Next tentatively scheduled meeting September 19, 2024

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Hill-Holdgate and seconded by Mr. Plandowski to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:31pm

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Dawn Hill-Holdgate *Aye*

Abby DeMolina (*experiencing phone difficulties*)

Joe Plandowski *Aye*

Barry Rector (Chair) *Aye*