



**Cannabis Advisory Committee
APPROVED Minutes
Remote Participation via Zoom
April 17, 2025 @ 1:00pm**

Board Members: Barry Rector (Chair), Abby DeMolina, Dawn Hill Holdgate,
Joe Plandowski, Jacques Zimicki

I. Call to Order

Chair Rector called the meeting to order at approximately 1:12pm.

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Barry Rector *Aye*
Abby DeMolina *Aye*
Joe Plandowski *Aye*
Jacques Zimicki *Aye*

Quorum was established.

II. Approval of Agenda

Jacques Zimicki made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Abby DeMolina.

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina *Aye*
Joe Plandowski *Aye*
Barry Rector *Aye*
Jacques Zimicki *Aye*

III. Approval of Draft Minutes

- a. November 21, 2024
- b. January 16, 2025

Tabled by consent.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. New Business

None

VII. Election of Officers

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

Tabled by consent until full board present.

VIII. Updates from Cannabis Control Commission (CCC)

- a. New Resources for Community Impact Fees, Host Community Agreements
Chair Rector noted that the CCC continues to review impact fees, host community agreements (HCAs), and social consumption regulations. Additionally, social consumption remains in a pilot phase with no authorization for full-scale implementation. Lastly, there has been no recent progress reported on standardizing HCAs.

Mr. Plandowski further added that the CCC has drafted approximately 200 pages of regulations related to social consumption. There is also pending legislation (Senate Bill 75) which proposes increasing adult possession limits from 1 ounce to 3 ounces. Additionally, eight bills are under consideration to raise the cap on dispensaries operated by a single entity from the current limit of 3 to either 6 or 9. Mr. Plandowski noted approximately 700 cannabis licenses have been issued statewide, with 600 currently operational and 100 in development or limbo. In conjunction, market dynamics show some operators seeking to exit the industry, while others wish to acquire additional licenses; the current cap limits such transactions. On a different note, the Massachusetts Inspector General recently described the CCC as a “rudderless agency.”

Committee members expressed general agreement with these observations and are concerned that increasing the dispensary cap may exacerbate oversaturation.

IX. Committee Comments/Reports

- a. Discussion occurred regarding upcoming reappointments for town boards and committees in May. Chair Rector noted that Mr. Plandowski term expires in 2026.. Mr. Plandowski stated he intends to reapply for another term. The Chair continued denoting that he and Mr. Zimicki are appointed through 2027; no action required at this time. As for Mrs. DeMolina, she is a Planning Board appointee. Mrs. DeMolina stated she will confirm reappointment procedures with relevant town staff. The Chair offered support to members as needed and noted that the town will issue notices and post openings at the proper time.

XII. Next meeting

- a. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00pm
- b. Next tentatively scheduled meeting May 15, 2025

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Abby DeMolina and seconded by Jacques Zimicki at approximately 1:29pm

Vote taken by Roll Call:

Abby DeMolina *Aye*

Joe Plandowski *Aye*

Barry Rector *Aye*

Jacques Zimicki *Aye*