

Town of Sandisfield Cannabis Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes August 17, 2022

In attendance: Leslie Garwood, Ed Brozman, Carl Nett, Jeff Bye, Jay Greenwell, committee members, Robert Sampson, resident

1. Meeting via Zoom called to order at 10:00am

2. Configuration of Board:

Leslie Garwood nominated as Chair, confirmed by unanimous vote.

No one agreed to act as Secretary therefore minutes will be taken on rotating basis by each member and Chair will forward minutes and post future meetings.

Committee discussed and unanimously voted to request that the Select Board craft an item for voting on at the upcoming Special Town Meeting, to change the term "SPGA" (aka the Select Board) to "Town Manager" in order for the committee to proceed with its work without being bound by the formalities of the Open Meeting Laws.

Committee discussed and unanimously agreed to meet once again in September, to further discuss its role, and thereafter on an "as needed" basis when applications for Marijuana Establishments are presented to the Select Board.

3. Discussion of Goals

Committee expects that the SPGA would forward them any new applications for ME's.

Committee would review applications thoroughly and note any inconsistencies, problems, conflicts with the terms of the Town's cannabis zoning bylaw and notify Town Manager (assuming the change in language is made) of their findings.

At least two committee members will be present at any Community Outreach Meetings, Host Community Agreement presentations, and Special Permit Hearings.

Committee will field the concerns of abutters and neighbors in the vicinity of a proposed facility, eg regarding environmental impacts, and convey to SPGA, suggesting reasonable negotiations with the applicant (I.e. larger setback, more foliage, etc.)

Discussion regarding role of committee in taking a proactive approach to attracting ME's (cultivators) by creating a registry of landowners interesting in leasing. Idea to be discussed further in next meeting as to what role this committee would play.

4. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am. Next meeting scheduled for 9/21/22 at 10:00am.

Leslie Garwood, Chair, on Behalf of Cannabis Sub-Committee

