



CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

Board Room #105, Pleasant Street, Malden, MA

Community to watch Via Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5 PM

Committee Members in Attendance

√	Jenelle DeVits, Chair	Council Appt.
√	Ron Hogan	Finance
√	Kevin Molis	Chief of Police
√	Nelson Miller	Bldg. Commissioner
√	Diana Jeong	Mayor's Appt.
√	Kathleen Manning Hall	Clerk <i>Non-voting mem.</i>

MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call of Committee members.** Meeting was called to order at 5 PM and there was a quorum sufficient to conduct business.
- 2. Review and Approval of April 28, 2021 Minutes.** *Motion by Ron Hogan to approve the April 28 minutes; seconded by Diana Jeong. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.*
- 3. Communication from Benevolent Botanicals LLC re financials.** Warren Lynch sent a communication to the CLEC on May 18th with an update on his financial situation. The CLEC will meet with him on June 2nd at 5 PM for purpose of his presenting a financial update to the Committee. Kathleen will reach out to Benevolent Botanicals.
- 4. Ordinance Changes – Update.** Jenelle had a conversation with Councillor Craig Spadafora who had spoken with City Clerk Greg Lucey. They are working to schedule the ordinance meeting before the Council recesses.
- 5. Micro Businesses. Micro Businesses.** The term “micro business” does not exist in Malden’s ordinances, but the State defines it as a business that is a cultivator, manufacturer or both with limits on the amount of production. Discussion ensued as to the advantage of a business being a micro business. The City would treat it as a proposal for the licensing of the individual uses. Discussion as to whether we are in the position to accept applications regularly for manufacturing and cultivating businesses which do not have the same competition as with retail. Kathleen will let the woman who reached out know that we would accept manufacturing, cultivating, other uses.

6. Delivery Businesses. Our ordinance specifically does not include delivery businesses. This is something that must be discussed in ordinance committee. This will be a longer discussion with the Council and may not get resolved before the summer. This is different from a marijuana transporter. Our ordinance specifically precludes this is an option, but we are prepared to enter into discussions about this.

7. New Business.

- a. Nelson met with Robert Heffron (Craft Cultivation) regarding the old JRM site. He may be interested in starting a cultivation company with another person. Nelson advised him to watch past meetings.
- b. Nelson was contacted by Chris Fevry (Dris) who told him that he found a new location. The CLEC did not approve him to move forward and cannot allow him to move forward at this time. Ron prefers to have the ordinance changes in place before accepting additional retail applications.
- c. Nelson was contacted by Eric Gaff (Misty Mountain) regarding building codes, sprinklers, etc. His process before the state is going very well and since Malden used the state application process for our process, it made their going before the state much easier.
- d. DMS Community Meeting – Kathleen received a notice and will send to everyone.
- e. Discussion ensued about whether to have the ordinance changes in place before moving forward with further applicants. Ron would like to see more diversity coming through and applying and prefers to go before the ordinance committee before reopening the process. Jenelle disagrees and would like to get a legal decision on it and would like to open the process back up. Nelson believes we should wait as well. In the first round we acted on the top four applications, two fell away and we reopened the process. Ron wants to diversify the base before we move on. Diana agrees. Ron suggested having this issue ironed out in an expedited meeting and have a longer discussion with the city Council in the fall. Jenelle will reach out to Councillor Spadafora to get a meeting scheduled.

8. Next meeting: Next Wednesday, June 2nd for the purposes of meeting with Benevolent Botanicals for an update on their financial situation.

Motion to adjourn at 5:43 PM by Chief Molis and seconded by Nelson Miller. All in favor, meeting adjourned.