

## **Brandon Board of Local Cannabis Control Commissioners Meeting October 24, 2022**

**NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Seth Hopkins, Brian Coolidge, Tim Guiles, Tracy Wyman, Ralph Ethier

**Others in Attendance:** Dave Atherton, Mat Clouser, Bernie Carr, Devon Fuller, Bill Moore, Ellie Romp

**Other In Attendance Via Zoom:** Dave Sieberman

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:58PM by Seth Hopkins – Chair.

#### ***a. Agenda Adoption***

**Motion** by Tim Guiles/Tracy Wyman to approve the agenda as posted. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **2. Consider Epona Farms Request to Operate a Licensed Retail Establishment at 1410 Franklin Street**

Dave Sieberman reported Ms. Romp is a licensed cultivator and has been growing cannabis on her farm in Salisbury and is submitting application for a retail license. The concept will be a store within a store that will be located in the back part of the glass shop at 1410 Franklin Street. She is the first grower in the State that is pursuing the way to get the product directly to market. There has been some consternation and Mr. Sieberman noted there is a way to do cannabis retail in a safe manner. The space is properly zoned for this activity and pursuant to State licensure it is determined to meet all of the many requirements to sell cannabis legally. Mr. Sieberman offered to answer any legal questions the Board may have and noted Ms. Romp was present to answer any questions on the process.

Seth Hopkins clarified the location of the store to be at the south end of Country Club Road and near the Rescue Squad building. Ms. Romp noted it is between Vermont Awning and the Tattoo shop. Mr. Hopkins asked if it meets the State Cannabis Control Commission. It was noted that the application is ready for submission without modification. Mr. Sieberman stated they will advise the State Cannabis Control Commission of the results of this meeting. The State will then do a review and advise if there is anything missing or if there are additional questions to clarify. Mr. Sieberman noted there is generally a back and forth with applications of this nature, but it is thought it will be a successful application at the State level. Mr. Hopkins noted the public voted to allow retail cannabis operations at a town meeting. Devon Fuller thought the idea the State is

progressing is a good thing. Adding more businesses to Town will be another reason for people to visit Brandon. The Town will also benefit from the business with the 1% local option tax. Bill Moore stated from an economic development view, it makes sense to add another business in Town and it is a good companion business for the existing business in that location. Dave Atherton will provide Mr. Sieberman a copy of the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Hopkins thanked Ms. Romp for bringing her business to Brandon.

**Motion** by Tim Guiles/Tracy Wyman to approve the Epona Farms request to operate a licensed cannabis retail establishment at 1410 Franklin Street. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **3. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Brian Coolidge/Ralph Ethier to adjourn the Board of Local Cannabis Control Commissioners meeting at 9:04PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant  
Recording Secretary