

**Brandon Board of Local Cannabis Control Commissioners Meeting  
July 24, 2023**

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

**Board Members In Attendance:** Tracy Wyman, Brian Coolidge, Tim Guiles, Cecil Reniche-Smith, Heather Nelson

**Others In Attendance:** Seth Hopkins, Bill Moore, Bernie Carr, Ralph Ethier, Janet Coolidge, Barb White, Tom White, Mike Frankiewicz, Molly Kennedy, Sara Rossigg, Brent Buehler, Dorothea Langevin, Steve Cijka, Stephanie Jerome, Sandy Mayo, Claire Astone, Steven Jupiter, Oscar Gardner, Ben Hsiung

**Others in Attendance via Zoom:** Marielle Blais, Sue Gage, Neil Silins, Jack Schneider

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by Tracy Wyman – Board Chair.

***a. Agenda Adoption***

**Motion** by Tim Guiles/Cecil Reniche-Smith to approve the agenda as posted. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

***a) Approve Minutes of Local Cannabis Control Commissioners Minutes – October 24, 2022***

**Motion** by Tim Guiles/Brian Coolidge to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 meeting. **The motion passed with 2 abstention – Cecil Reniche-Smith and Heather Nelson.**

**3. Public Comment and Participation**

Ben Hsiung of Pine Grove Organics reported their business is going well and has been welcomed. Mr. Hsiung asked as more licenses are received to note that it is a new volatile market and asked to keep in mind of the licenses being approved and where the funding is coming from as there are some entities coming from out-of-state. They would like to keep Brandon as their home and they live in the community and not all businesses are local. This is a heavily funded industry with some different strategies. Tim Guiles thanked Mr. Hsiung for his input but noted the local Cannabis Board does not have information where the businesses are being funded. Cecil Reniche-Smith stated the local Board does a pro forma rubber stamp of the State and can only control certain things with regard to land usage or nuisance control, but the investigation and funding is not within the Town's control.

**4. Approve Cannabis Establishments Approved by the Vermont Cannabis Control Board**

- a) Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1: Friendly Farmers
- b) Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1: Derikeave LLC dab Maximum Budz
- c) Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1: Funk's Farmin' LLC
- d) Mixed Cultivator Tier 1: Mont Vert Meadows LLC
- e) Mixed Cultivator Tier 3: Green Mountain Synergy Farm LLC
- f) Integrated Licenses Renewal: FWR Inc. dba Grassroots Vermont

**Motion** by Tim Guiles/Brian Coolidge to approve the Cannabis Establishments as noted in a through f above.

Tim Guiles asked Mr. Hsiung to provide clarification of the different licenses. With regard to the Outdoor Cultivator Tier 1 applicants, Mr. Hsiung was not sure where they were located but the State would have that information. The Tier 1 Outdoor Cultivator is the lowest license that is issued. There are different canopies versus indoor and outdoor from 1 to 3. A Mixed Cultivator is a combination of indoor and outdoor, with Tier 3 the largest. The Integrated License Renewal is a

special license from the State that enables the license holder to have access to one of each type. This is a vendor and the medical companies were given priority for these licenses. His company is in the process of getting a cultivation license but has not applied for an integrative license. Retailers are only active as retail and are not licensed. Mr. Hopkins cautioned that the State has indicated physical addresses are not disclosed due to security reasons.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **3. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Tim Guiles/Brian Coolidge to adjourn the Board of Local Cannabis Control Commissioners meeting at 7:12PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant  
Recording Secretary