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Board / Committee: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Date: January 2, 2020 Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Location: 70 East Main Street, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Norton, MA

Members & Staff Present: R. Deley (chair), D. Luciano (Vchair), A. Kolodziejczyk (clerk), L. Parker, S. Ollerhead, M. Maccini, M. Toole

Members Not Present: M. Flaherty

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm and adjourned at 10:43pm.

Minutes from the N/A meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

R. Deley initiated the meeting with the introduction of Mike Epstein and Sam Rubenstein to discuss their interests in establishing a marijuana distribution center. Mike and Sam are 4th generation operators of Horizon Beverage Company located on Commerce Way in town. Their vision is to create a venture based on the wholesale distribution of cannabis.

The venture would not include individual consuming customers, rather the venture would buy the product in bulk, store, consolidate into package sizes, then distribute to various marijuana shops. The venture would include 6-12 employees. Mike and Sam are experiencing issues facing lack of commercial and industrial space. A desirable space would include enough land to build or to utilize a preexisting building of at least 15,000 Sq. ft but prefer to buy a property. Sewer was not a concern.

Discussed edits to the proposed Bylaws for Marijuana Establishments. Comments on the edits include creating a more picture dependent document to present to the planning board. In addition, the commission discussed the overlay process and the quest for zoning additional land into industrial land.

Discussed specific Bylaw regulations and rules to include the physical requirements to include (transportation of product, cultivation, sales, and dispensing), no retailer floor area to exceed 2,500 square feet, Special Permits/ Site Plan Approval, reporting requirements, hours of operations, and the number of adult use marijuana retail establishments permitted to be established in town.

The commission discussed various locations to rezone into industrial/ commercial zoning. Using the GEO mapping of the town, committee members marked areas for the overlay and debated various locations and whether they can be used for commercial properties to establish businesses.

Next meeting scheduled for January 9th, 2020 at 6:30pm.

R. Deley entertained a motion to adjourn; Motion moved M. Toole, Seconded by L. Parker. Vote: Unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Anthony Kolodziejczyk

Minutes approved by the Board or Committee on: 1/29/20

Chairman Signature: Ron D. D.