



TOWN OF CHARLTON

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Marijuana Advisory Committee

March 12, 2019

Members Present:

James Philbrook-Chairman/Health Director
Deborah Noble-Selectman
Daniel Dowd- Police Detective/Lt.
Dennis Carlson- Fire Inspector
Jean Vincent-Planning Board Representative
Jamie Leehy- Citizen Representative
Rick McManus- Citizen Representative

Also Present:

James McMahan- Green Gold Group
Tim St. Germain- Four Score Holdings LLC

- Chairman of the Marijuana Advisory Committee, James Philbrook, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.
- Tim St. Germain gave an update for Four Score. Four Score is meeting with the Board of Selectmen tonight and with the Planning Board on March 20th to finalize the special permit. Mr. St. Germain explained that several different odor control technologies including dynamic air and max filtration were presented to the Planning Board. These are both carbon based systems widely used in the cannabis industry. Mr. Philbrook stated that the Board of Health expects that Four Score will try to achieve zero odor emissions. Mr. Philbrook requested that the odor mitigation plan be sent to him.
- Mr. Germain expects the construction of the Four Score facility to take 6-9 months. The target opening date is late 2019, or early 2020. All product will be dry and grown in a 14 week cycle. Brief discussion about growing methods.

- Mr. Philbrook spoke about the draft marijuana and tobacco regulations that were provided by Senior Staff Attorney Cheryl Sbarra from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. The Board of Health is working on the Charlton regulations for vaping. The Board has discussed moving vaping and associated paraphernalia to 21+ shops only.
- Discussion about CBD oil products. This will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- James McMahan gave an update for Green Gold Group. An extraction inspection is being scheduled for the North Brookfield facility. An architectural review of the Charlton facility was done last week. Minor things had to be moved/added. The facility's sign design has been approved and will be hung on the building once it is completed. The Cannabis Control Commission's inspection went well. Building Commissioner, Curt Meskus, completed his walk through for the CO. The Planning Board needs to approve the DOT curb cut. Once the CO is signed, the Cannabis Control Commission can complete the sales ready inspection.
- Discussion about facility parking. If there is an excess of customers, Green Gold Group will use the satellite parking option or special appointments could also be scheduled. Green Gold Group foresees being medical only for 6 weeks before becoming recreational. The estimated date of opening for medical is early April.
- Mr. Philbrook stated that per the Food Code, marijuana edibles are not considered food; therefore they are exempt from his inspection.
- Mr. McMahan stated that Green Gold Group is attempting to have the first kosher edibles in Massachusetts.
- The estimated hours for Green Gold Group's Charlton facility are 10am-8pm, 7 days a week.
- Four Score handed out copies of the odor mitigation plan. Copies were also sent to the Planning Board.
- Committee member's announcements-Ms. Noble stated that she would like to learn more about the CBD industry. The Marijuana Advisory Committee will discuss this topic and bring recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.
- Citizen forum- none
- Jean Vincent asked if there was any difference in growing medical vs. recreational use marijuana. Mr. McMahan explained that the Cannabis Control Commission's regulations determines whether the product is medical or recreational at the point of sale. There is no difference in the actual product.
- Chairman's announcements-none
- Jean Vincent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Second by Lt. Dowd all in favor.

James Philbrook