

**BURLINGTON LOCAL CANNABIS CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE
CITY HALL –1ST FLOOR, BUSHOR CONF. ROOM *OR*
ZOOM MEETING WITH CALL-IN
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 12, 2023
DRAFT**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Shannon (Chair, via Zoom)
Melo Grant (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Olberg
Kyle Clauss (via Zoom)
Phil Edgerley (via Zoom)
Adam Gross
Matthew Hoague

1.0 AGENDA

1.1 motion to amend/adopt the agenda

Commissioner Shannon called the meeting to order at 5:46 PM.

MOTION by Commissioner Grant, SECOND by Commissioner Shannon, to adopt the agenda.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT (VERBAL)

2.1 Public Comment (verbal)

None.

3.0 2023 CANNABIS APPLICATIONS

3.1 Barking Dog Farm and Bern Living Organics

Commissioner Shannon asked on what grounds the City's Local Cannabis Control Subcommittee is able to vote in opposition to cannabis applications at a local level. Assistant City Attorney Clauss replied that the State has made clear the grounds on which a permit cannot be

denied (completely zoning out cannabis being one of them), but that there is a lack of guidance around what grounds cannabis applications can be denied at a local level.

The Subcommittee spoke about the redacted information within the license applications and Assistant City Attorney Clauss said that he would reach out to the State and obtain further clarity on what portions of cannabis applications are exempt from public records and what can be shared.

Matthew Hoague spoke on behalf of Barking Dog Farm, saying that he is growing cannabis in his backyard and is trying to defray his property tax costs by selling it. He said that the State's Cannabis Control Board has agreed that he conforms with a Tier 1 operation. He said that he lives in Ward 4.

Adam Gross spoke on behalf of Bern Living Organics, noting that he already has a retail license and is seeking this additional licensure.

MOTION by Commissioner Grant, SECOND by Commissioner Shannon, to approve and recommend to the Local Cannabis Control Commission that it authorize transmission of local approval of the following local cannabis control applications: Barking Dog Farm and Bern Living Organics to the Cannabis Control Board.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

4.1 Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.