

HEATH PLANNING BOARD

Heath Planning Board Meeting & Public Hearing for Proposed Cannabis Growing Farm

February 7, 2022

Planning Board – Peter Charow, Doug Mason, Jo Travis, Bob Viarengo

Applicant Representatives – Tom Beauchamp, Ryan Young Joe Ostachnowicz??, Phil Silverman, Mark James, Phil Silverman,

Guests

Hilma Sumner, Sue Lively, John McDonough, Bob and Sue Gruen, Barbara and David Gordon, Gloria Fischer, Alice Wozniak, Bill Fontes, Heather Benz, Tom Rabbitt, Elissa Viarengo, Michael Shafer, Carol Wolf, Catherine Harley, Joe Gandmighth, Barbara Rode, John McDonough, Elissa Viarengo, Calvin Car, Jan Car,

The farm is located at 11 Bellor Road and owned by 11 Bellor Road LLC. The sole owner of the LLC is Chris Yuzuma. The LLC has leased four growing plots to Alchemy Cannabis, True Cannabis, Vega Cannabis, and Vybz Inc.

The group provided the following information.

- Photographs of a similar operation in Michigan were shown.
- The property consists of 50 acres to the east of the road and a farmhouse to the left.
- The lessees each have a separate plot of approximately 5 acres totaling approximately 20 acres.
- Wetlands and other issues preclude further expansion.
- Each plot will have an eight-foot-high fence and camera coverage. Images will be kept for ninety days.
- Plants are grown in pots resting on top of the soil and drip fed, minimizing water usage.
- Odor and possible floral masking was discussed. It was agreed on that they would not use any sort of masking during the first year of production.
- Labor – 10-12 people during growing season; 35-40 during harvesting in the month of September.
- All parking will be on site, ride sharing will be encouraged.
- Curing for one month in the building on site. This building will be equipped with filtration systems to reduce odor.
- Product will be shipped out in five- or ten-pound bags.

Fees

Each lessee will pay the town between \$25,000 and \$75,000 annually, as per the Community Host Agreements.

Charitable Contributions

As per the Community Host agreement, each lessee will make a minimum charitable contribution of \$7,500 annually. Examples given for the Michigan operation were foster care facilities and park beautification. Each lessee can independently decide which charity to support. The applicants had not been provided with potential charities to choose from.

The Public Hearing will be continued on February 10, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was closed at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Viarengo