

## Minutes of the Maynard Economic Development Committee meeting of May 21, 2020

Call to order: 8:03 AM

Members present: Jack MacKeen; Jerry Beck; Megan Zammuto; Bill Nemser; Roz Greenstein; Lynda Thayer. Members absent: Dick Downey, Sarah Cressy, Karen Freker

Guests: Rachel Bankey (President, Maynard Business Alliance); Dakota Krug and Richard Krug (Principals, Massachusetts Solventless Extractions LLC), Zannah Noe (Economic Development Project Coordinator).

1. Discussion with Massachusetts Solventless Extraction LLC; Dakota and Richard Krug: Seeking a microbusiness in cannabis; boutique extraction (production) wholesale company. Two employees in 1,000 SF.
  - a. Concerns: water use; waste disposal; taxes
  - b. Actions: Nemser will send Business Guide. OMS office will facilitate Krug conversation with DPW re water requirements.
2. Minutes of May 7, 2020 meeting approved unanimously.
3. Local business recovery:
  - a. Background: Interested in increasing outdoor seating in anticipation of restaurants reopening. ATA Zammuto doing research. Exploring closing Main St. Informal survey by MBA finds that restaurants are interested in outdoor seating but want to balance that with curbside/pickup. Zammuto will discuss with Parking Authority in the coming week.

Downey draft proposal envisions closing portions of Nason and Main from Father's Day to Labor Day.

- b. Discussion. Any plan for closing streets needs to consider traffic impacts. For example, rerouting traffic creates need for signage; police detail; possible impact on Florida Rd. Bridge Project; emergency vehicle access; labor to remove/replace barriers.

Framing of the issue: Creating outdoor space that supports downtown businesses is of highest urgency. Town Hall and EDC need to support retailers and restaurateurs by creating more outdoor eating spaces and encouraging people to visit downtown; at the same time, we need to do so in a way that keeps people safe and respects social distancing guidelines.

- c. Actions:
        - i. Nemser and Zammuto will create a "sketch plan" by Tuesday, including phasing, times, geography, etc.)
        - ii. Zammuto will follow-up with Police, Fire, DPW, Board of Health regarding their concerns.

- iii. Nemser will collect questions from two perspectives: General concerns (i.e., the Town Hall/administrative perspective) and site-specific concerns (i.e., the challenges of the particular site)
    - iv. Nemser will find out about ADA compliance.
- 4. MAPC seminar: Noe and McKeen reviewed how municipalities could support businesses.
- 5. Updates
  - a. Good press (including Boston Globe front page) for the Revolving Museum and ArtSpace endeavors to promote responsible behavior during pandemic emergency.
  - b. Can the Town do bulk purchase of PPE on behalf of business? Bill will check into this.
- 6. Adjourn 9:34