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3 **TOWN OF CHESTER**  
4 **CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD MEETING**  
5 **August 19, 2024, Minutes**

6 Board Members Present: Arianna Knapp, Barre Pinske, Charles Baird, Barry Fowler, and Tom  
7 Diak at Town Hall.

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9 Staff Present: Julie Hance, Town Manager, at Town Hall; and Susan Bailey, Recording Secretary,  
10 via Zoom.

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12 Visitors Present: Andy Goldman at Town Hall.

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14 **Call to Order**

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16 Julie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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18 **Agenda Item 1, Reorganization**

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20 Julie said once a Chair was elected, they would take over the meeting. She opened the floor for  
21 nominations for the position. Tom Diak moved, and Barre seconded a motion to nominate Arianna  
22 as Chair. There were no other nominations. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.  
23 Arianna appreciated their confidence.

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25 Arianna asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chair and there were none. Arianna  
26 nominated Tom Diak for Vice Chair with Barre seconding the motion. The motion carried  
27 unanimously.

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29 Julie said they needed a secretary, who, if they needed to go into executive session, would note  
30 motions in and out when the recording secretary wasn't there. Arianna nominated Charles Baird  
31 for Secretary, and she noted as Secretary of the Selectboard, she has never had to do anything.  
32 Barry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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34 **Agenda Item 2, Approve April 30, 2024, Minutes**

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36 There were no changes to the minutes and Arianna entertained a motion to approve them. Barry  
37 moved and Charles seconded the motion to accept the April 30, 2024, minutes. A vote was taken,  
38 and the minutes were approved unanimously, as written.

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40 **Agenda Item 3, Citizens' Comments**

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42 There were no comments.

44 **Agenda Item 4, Review Renewal of Goldmill Group dba Down to the Roots**

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46 As part of their due diligence, in preparation of this meeting, Arianna checked with the Chief of  
47 Police and Zoning Administrator to see if there had been any questions, concerns, issues, or  
48 complaints raised in the past year. There had been no concerns to come before the LCCC. There  
49 had been conversations about zoning and permitting related to other activities but the cannabis  
50 license for retail sales, which fell under the Committee, had no issues. The Committee has had no  
51 complaints, and the operation has been terrific. Everything they've seen was as anticipated.  
52 Arianna welcomed Barry Fowler to the Committee and told him there was very little they could  
53 do and were there to assess anything in conflict with the existing regulations and invited anyone  
54 to raise any concerns, issues, or questions they had about renewing the license. There were none.  
55 Arianna thanked Andy Goldmann, CEO and CFO of Goldmill Group dba Down to the Roots  
56 Dispensary, located at 7 Pineview Drive, for being at the meeting. Andy thanked them for what  
57 they were doing. She said they try to be corporate citizens of the town. They offer complimentary  
58 services and support local initiatives. Andy said it's important for them to be good neighbors and  
59 if there were any concerns, they were open to hearing them. Arianna thanked Andy. Arianna said  
60 since there were no blocking concerns, they approved the application. Julie said it wouldn't hurt  
61 to vote. Arianna entertained a motion and Barry moved and Tom seconded a motion to approve  
62 the annual renewal of the Down to the Roots license. A vote was taken, and the motion was carried  
63 unanimously. Arianna thanked them for being a good citizen of Chester.

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65 **Agenda Item 5, Set Schedule for next 12 Months**

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67 Arianna wanted to look ahead for the next year. They gather when Montpelier sends them an  
68 application. They have not seen more than 2 applications in any 4-month period since they came  
69 together. She proposed 3 meetings in a calendar year and if an application was received or an issue  
70 arose, they would have an ad hoc meeting. If they could get 3 meetings, and as applications were  
71 received or to do research and present reports, she asked how the others felt about that. She thought  
72 approximately every 4 months, so February, June, and October. Barre thought it was a good idea,  
73 especially if there was legislation and thought they all understood the nature of their roles. If  
74 something came up, they could meet and if something big came up, they could make a press  
75 release. Arianna asked Julie if that worked, and she said it was fine but noted reappointments were  
76 in March and suggested they have their first meeting then. Arianna proposed March, July, and  
77 November as the meeting months. Arianna said they would set the dates as they got closer.

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79 **Agenda Item 6, New Business/Next Agenda**

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81 Barry wanted to clarify November would be November 2025 and Arianna said a November  
82 meeting for 2024 would be tentative. If they needed one, they would meet but she assumed their  
83 next meeting would be in March of 2025 unless something came up.

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85 **Agenda Item 7, Adjourn**

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87 Charles moved and Barry seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed  
88 unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.