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CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
City Hall, 215 Pleasant Street, Conference Room 105
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5 PM

Committee Members in Attendance		
✓	Nelson Miller	Bldg. Commissioner
✓	Ron Hogan, Chair	Finance
✓	Glenn Cronin	Chief of Police
✓	Diana Jeong	Mayor's Appt.
✓	Deano Summers	Council Appt.
✓	Kathleen Manning Hall	Clerk <i>non-voting mem.</i>

MINUTES

- Roll Call of Committee members:** Meeting was called to order at 5 PM and there was a quorum sufficient to conduct business.
- Approval of January 21, 2026 Minutes:** *Motion by Diana Jeong to approve minutes; seconded by Chief Cronin.* All in favor, Motion passes.
- Recommendations to Malden City Council on updates to Ordinances regarding License Limits and Local Approval Process.** Ron reported that when establishing the Cannabis ordinance, the Council wrote that the CLEC would approve five licenses during the initial licensing period, which it did. Another section of the ordinance caps licenses at 20% of liquor licenses (currently 18). The CLEC has requested that the ordinances be updated to remove this conflict. Ron Hogan had initially communicated with Councillor Karen Colon Hayes and Councillor Steve Winslow back in October of 2025 and asked that the ordinances be clarified. An ordinance change will address the language and clarification. The hope is that this matter will appear on the next docket.
- Industry Updates (Diana Jeong and Deano Summers)** The application period for delivery licenses for Social Equity applicants has been extended. Quarterly reporting of revenue may not be accurate, it is currently trending fairly flat, but there was a boost in revenue during the snowstorms.
- Updates on Existing Operations (Misty Mountain Shop & Eastern Cannabis) and License in Process (DMS Trinity) (Nelson Miller)** Nelson has had no communication with either Misty Mountain or Eastern Cannabis. DMS's Sign has been approved which must be up for final inspection from state.
- Update on court decision, Benevolent Botanicals and Next Steps (Ron Hogan/Nelson Miller)**
 The Court's decision ruled that the particular section of our ordinance regarding buffer zones is void and the Ordinance Committee needs to now determine what replaces that. Because the Court removed it there are a lot of blank spots in the ordinance which must now be rewritten.

An appropriate replacement must be adopted. Clarification must be made before Benevolent is able to move forward. The Council is committed to working through that and to resolving the issues.

- Michael Rosen, Council for Benevolent, was in attendance and asked to be recognized. He believes the City's interpretation is mistaken. The Court struck 12.12.190, and he believes Benevolent may now seek permits per the court's ruling. He believes the court's order instructs Malden to allow Benevolent to move forward with Section 6, get a building permit, host a second community meeting, enter a host community agreement, and apply to the CCC.
- Ron believes that Mr. Rosen's interpretation must be interpreted by Malden's Legal Department and that this meeting is not the venue to interpret the Court's order. The agenda item was solely to update the CLEC on the results of the court case decision. Mr. Rosen and his discussion are not on the agenda and as the CLEC was recently the subject of an open meeting law violation for allowing someone to speak who was not properly on the agenda this conversation cannot be held. Nelson reiterated that a discussion needs to be had with our Legal Dept.

7. **Regulatory Updates** (*Ron Hogan*) No updates.

8. **Police Chief Report** (*Glenn Cronin*) Chief Cronin received an email from the state asking if he received DMS's security plan, and if a walk through has been done. A walk through was done five months ago. The Chief will get back to them on the security plan.

9. **New Business** No new business.

Motion to adjourn by Deano Summers, seconded by Diana Jeong Deano Summers - meeting adjourned.