

St. Michaels Planning Commission
Boy Scout Building 407 St. Mary's Square
In Person and Virtual Session

November 2, 2023 - 11:00 A.M.

Present: Planning Commission Doug Rollow, Kristen Lycett, John Novak and Cyndi Allen, Staff Jennifer Whiting, Steve Ball Planning Officer. Chairman Chris Thomas was not in attendance.

I. Call to Order:

Member Allen called the Planning Commission's regular meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Boy Scout Cabin, 407 St. Mary's Square, St. Michaels, Maryland and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Minutes: October 5, 2023 – Member Novak made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Lycett and carried a vote of 4-0 in favor.

New Business –

1. **Recreational Cannabis Businesses, Zoning Text Amendment**

Town Planner Steve Ball gave a presentation regarding the requirements. It was noted that if a special exception for on-site consumption is requested, that request must go to the Board of Zoning Appeals. There was also a suggestion that the source of consumption be defined. Member Novak noted that if St. Michaels is granted a license (three will be allowed in Talbot County) it will greatly impact tourist season and stated he would discourage on site consumption. Member Lycett is in favor of the special exception for on-site consumption. Member Rollow noted he is not in favor of on-site consumption and inquired about the impact of foot and vehicle traffic if a special exception for on-site consumption is granted for a business. Member Allen noted that she is not in favor of a special exception.

Member Allen made a motion to support the Ordinance, although a more technical review needs to be completed before a recommendation to the Commissioners. Member Rollow to review the draft ordinance and will bring it back to the December 7th meeting for further review. Member Lycett seconded the motion and carried a vote of 4-0 in favor.

2. **Matters from the Commissioners - NA**

3. **Matters from the Staff**

- a. *Discussion of Rules & Procedures – continued to the next meeting.*

VI. **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Member Rollow to adjourn seconded by Member Novak at approximately 1pm. All in favor.

Minutes approved as submitted by 4:0 vote in favor on the 7 day of Dec 2023.



Christopher Thomas, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:
Jen Whiting, General Services Clerk