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Board of Appeals Virtual Public Hearing Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Via ZOOM

ZBA DECISIONS can be found at: www.brooklinema.gov/1675/Zoning-Applications

Board Members Present: Chair Mark Zuroff, Lark Palermo, and Kate Poverman

Staff Present: Joseph Braga (*Deputy Building Commissioner*) and Maria Morelli (*Senior Planner – Regulatory Planning*)

2020-0062 1024 Commonwealth Avenue – Change of use from a salon to an adult-use marijuana establishment

Attorney Michael Ross, on behalf of the applicant Mission MA, Inc., provided an overview of the project. Mr. Ross stated that Mission MA, Inc. has marijuana retail locations in Georgetown and Worcester, and the company grows cannabis at these two locations which supplies their retail stores.

Chair Zuroff asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor or opposition. Scott Ravelson, a longtime Brookline business owner, was very supportive of the Petitioner. No one spoke in opposition.

Maria Morelli, Senior Planner, provided the Planning Board Report. The Planning Board supported the project. Joseph Braga, Deputy Building Commissioner, stated the Building Department had no objections to the proposal.

Chair Zuroff considered the application to be thoroughly vetted and was in favor of granting a special permit. Board member Lark Palermo was very supportive of the reserve-ahead model and was in favor of granting a special permit. Board member Kate Poverman also was in favor of granting a special permit.

The Board unanimously granted the request for special permit.

The meeting was adjourned.