

1 **APPROVED MINUTES**

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3 **Meeting Date: November 21, 2022**

4 **ZONING COMMISSION**

5 **TOWN OF SIMSBURY**

6 **REGULAR MEETING**

7 **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

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9 **PRESENT:** David Ryan, Bruce Elliott, Kevin Gray, Diane Madigan, Donna Beinstein, Melissa
10 Osborne, and Jackie Battos. Remotely: Anne Erickson

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12 **ALSO PRESENT:** Planning and Community Development Director George McGregor;
13 Assistant Town Planner Savannah-Nicole Villalba; Commission Clerk Jackie Lachance

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15 **I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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17 *All regular members have been seated.*

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19 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 20 - **October 3, 2022** – *Add that all 3 alternates were seated for this meeting.*

21 **MOTION:** Ms. Madigan moved to approve the October 3, 2022 Minutes as
22 corrected.

23 Ms. Beinstein seconded the motion.

24 **VOTE:** motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0

- 25 - **November 2, 2022**

26 **MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved to approve the November 2, 2022 Minutes as
27 submitted.

28 Ms. Madigan seconded the motion.

29 **VOTE:** motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0

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31 **III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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33 1. **Application #22-32** of the Simsbury Zoning Commission, Applicant; George
34 McGregor, Agent; for a text amendment to the Simsbury Zoning Regulations,
35 Hartford-Simsbury Form-Based Code, and Simsbury Center Code for the purpose
36 of prohibiting cannabis establishments in Simsbury Center Code and Hartford-
37 Simsbury Code, and permitting cannabis establishments in select zoning districts
38 in the Town Zoning Regulations.

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40 Mr. Gray read the legal notice. Mr. Ryan gave a background of this application.

41 Mr. McGregor gave an overview of what has happened so far with the regulations
42 and what it means and what the future process will be. The Commissioners sought

clarification on production versus retail; the process going forward. The public voiced concerns with the community's health; regulation of the potency of the cannabis; increase in criminal behavior. It was requested that this matter be on a referendum next year.

Attorney Louis George of Hassett & George was present to discuss his proposed language changes on behalf of his client, Curaleaf. Attorney Robin Pearson of Alter & Pearson was also present to discuss her client's, Simsbury Developers, LLC, experience with Curaleaf and their position on the proposed language changes.

Staff has been directed to look into the resources available and research other towns experiences.

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved to continue this public hearing to the Regular Meeting on December 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the SPL.

Ms. Madigan seconded the motion.

VOTE: motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Application #22-32** of the Simsbury Zoning Commission, Applicant; George McGregor, Agent; for a text amendment to the Simsbury Zoning Regulations, Hartford-Simsbury Form-Based Code, and Simsbury Center Code for the purpose of prohibiting cannabis establishments in Simsbury Center Code and Hartford-Simsbury Code, and permitting cannabis establishments in select zoning districts in the Town Zoning Regulations.

This has been continued to the Regular Meeting on December 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the SPL.

VI. GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2023 Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved to approve the 2023 Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Elliott seconded the motion.

VOTE: motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Gray moved to adjourn this meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Ms. Beinstein seconded the motion.

VOTE: motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0