

**Newport Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023 @ 6:00PM**

Present:

Planning Board: Chair: K. Carsley, F. Harding, R. Peck

Absent: G. Phelps

CEO: A. Tempesta

Deputy Clerk: K. Kemp

Attendees:

Collin Popper, Karma Cannabis

Christopher Popper, Rochelle Dow, Steve Blake, Bonnie Popper, Harding Bracero, Crystal Bracero, Aaron Provost

1. Call to Order

a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access - None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 10/25/2023: F. Harding motion to accept the minutes, R. Peck seconded, K. Carsley so moved. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. Old Business: Solar Array license signed.

5. New Business

a. Public Hearing: re: Karma Cannabis retail Medical Cannabis Store located at
66 Main St, Newport, Me. Owned by Collin Popper

K. Carsley called the Public Hearing to order and opened the floor to questions, comments, and/or concerns. There were no questions. Owner, Collin Popper, explained that Karma Cannabis is a medical cannabis store providing a safe place for patients with clean and safe products. Collin stated that his store will bring people to Newport because he already has a following. A guest attested to the quality of the product both in Newport and in Bangor. She agreed that Collin has a clientele. Christopher Popper, Father of Collin, and owner of the Coffee News in Newport supported his son. Collin provided additional information: open 8:00 am – 8:00 pm/7 days, medical only products, all product locked with 24/7 security with cameras that follow the entire back of the building. Also, in the process of adding signage to the existing plaza sign.

K. Carsley motioned to close the hearing, R. Peck seconded, all in favor, motion carried. F. Harding made a motion to accept the application; R. Peck seconded; K. Carsley so moved. Motion carried to accept the application.

CEO Updates: Lake trenches are complete, lien to homeowners for payment. Five and Dime is adding a medical side in their present building.

6. Adjourn: R. Peck motioned to adjourn, F. Harding seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kemp

Kathleen Kemp, Deputy Clerk