

>> Good Afternoon, Aaron:

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>> I hope all is well.

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>> My apologies for not returning this email sooner.

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>> We appreciate your interest in potentially investing in our community.

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>> I am currently the chairman of our special City Council committee on zoning & ordinance of cannabis.

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>> Our next meeting is Monday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council antechamber room (second floor at City Hall) where our committee will be voting on, and making a recommendation on the preferred zoning structure for the city (regarding all legal cannabis-related business development in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts).

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>> Members of the committee have been working diligently with members of our administration, solicitors office, building department, planning office and City Council legal counsel over this past year to identify zoning which is equitable for all parties.

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>> From our recommendation on the 11th, the full city council will then refer the item to our Planning Board so that Board can conduct its due diligence and hold a public hearing regarding the proposed zoning (per the legislation). Once that hearing is concluded, the Planning Board's recommendation will be forwarded off to the City Council committee on ordinances (committee of the whole) where our body will then open and conduct our public hearing. This will also be an opportunity for other council colleagues to weigh in on this proposed zoning.

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>> From there, once a proposal on zoning is agreed upon, it will be forwarded off to the full city council once again at a regular meeting and it has to be passed to two separate readings in order to be ordained (with me, so far)? The mayor then has 10 days to ratify it, then, assuming he does, everything is all set regarding zoning.

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>> Next step after that for a potential investor such as yourself would be to then contact the administration with a proposal for a Host Community Agreement. Once a meeting is scheduled, both parties would enter into dialogue, and if a deal is agreed upon, both sides would execute the host agreement, it would then to come before the City Council for review and ratification (as is the case on all host community agreements and TIF's).

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>> Does all of this make sense?

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>> If I wasn't too clear, please feel free to call me anytime, or email me back.

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>> Looking forward to hopefully meeting you in the not-too-distant future.

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>> Best,

>> Ian

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>> From: Aaron Hussey [glasshouseconsultingllc@gmail.com]

>> Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 3:09 PM

>> To: New Bedford City Council

>> Subject: Seeking guidance and support.

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>> Good Afternoon City Council Members,

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>> My name is Aaron Hussey, I am a resident of New Bedford and one of the original founding members of Coastal Compassion Inc./ Bask Inc. a registered medical marijuana dispensary located in Fairhaven Ma. I have recently resigned as GM of Cultivation from Coastal/Bask to pursue a career in the recreational side of the cannabis industry. I am writing you today in regards to the latest Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission guidelines for obtaining a recreational cultivators license. This license would be for the cultivation of recreational cannabis only. We would not be selling to the general public but only to actively licensed RMD's located in the state of Massachusetts. My main concern with obtaining such a license is obviously local support and proximity of location. I have recently identified a few buildings that are zoned industrial within the City of New Bedford. While these buildings are zoned industrial I am not 100% sure if they meet all the zoning requirements of the City. My other concern is if the City of New Bedford is ok with this type of new license structure brought forth by the Cannabis Control Commission in the first place. If you could point me in the right direction I would greatly appreciate any info or insight the City Council has to offer.

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>> I have almost 8 years of experience in commercial cultivation of cannabis under the Rhode Island Medical Cannabis and Massachusetts Medical Cannabis programs. I would love to bring my expertise in this field to the City of New Bedford and do it right if applicable. I have already secured funding for up to 30,000+ square feet of canopy space expandable to 100,000 square feet which could bring many new local jobs to the community as well. If the City Council has any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

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>> Best Regards,

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>> Aaron Hussey

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