

TOWN OF BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS
Planning & Regulation and Public Safety Subcommittees of the Advisory Committee

JOINT HEARING NOTICE

Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm in Room 103, Town Hall

AGENDA

The Planning & Regulation and Public Safety Subcommittees of the Advisory Committee will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm to review, discuss, and possibly vote upon the following Articles to be acted upon at the Third Special Town Meeting:

1. ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will amend Section 8.37.5, B.5 of the General By-Laws to limit the hours of operation that shall be set by the Select Board for Marijuana Retailers (not to include Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers or Delivery Only Marijuana Retailers) to a maximum range of from 10 am to 7 pm on Mondays through Saturdays, and from 12 pm to 6 pm on Sundays.
2. ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will amend Section 8.37.5, B of the General By-laws, by adding a new subsection 18, to require purchases by customers from Marijuana Retailers (not to include Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers or Delivery Only Marijuana Retailers) to be made solely on a reserve ahead basis for pick up at the Marijuana Retailer facility, provided, however, that if a customer requires the assistance of a marijuana consultant at the facility, an advance appointment is required; all such reserve ahead purchases require confirmation of the time at which a pick-up may be made; and, all reserve ahead pick-ups and appointments for consultation shall be scheduled and, if necessary, limited, to avoid nuisance conditions in surrounding neighborhoods as provided in Section 8.37.5, B.9 of the General By-Laws, as well as to otherwise comply with State and local law.
3. ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution requesting that the Select Board not issue new operating licenses for Retail Marijuana Establishments until such time as: (1) the Select Board appoints a study committee, which shall include, among others, representatives from impacted neighborhoods, to assess the effectiveness of Brookline's marijuana by-laws and policies given Brookline's recent experience with the sale of recreational marijuana including NETA's operation and its neighborhood impact, and (2) the appointed study committee submits its findings and recommendations at a public hearing held by the Select Board no later than March 1, 2020. Other business

The public is invited to attend and participate.

Subcommittee Chairs:

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This meeting is a public hearing. During the public hearing, members of the public will have an opportunity to offer comments on items under consideration. The subcommittee also welcomes written comments, which will be circulated to members of the subcommittee if they are sent to the subcommittee chair and/or lportscher@brooklinema.gov no later than 12:00 noon on the day prior to meeting.