

From: Sandra Siler <karsansiler@gmail.com> Tue 9/28/2021 5:28 PM
To: Lisa Portscher
Subject: Marijuana Licenses
Opposed !!! to two more marijuana licenses in Brookline
Sandra M. Siler, Precinct 1

From: Karen Nelson <karen.nelson@the-bac.edu> Tue 9/28/2021 5:29 PM
To: Lisa Portscher
Subject: please don't authorize more cannabis licenses for stores
I have two sons – 19 and 15 who regularly meet friends in Coolidge Corner. I don't want them to have to encounter the crowds and stoned patrons of cannabis stores.
Thanks,
Karen
Karen L Nelson
She/Her/Hers

From: Betsy Solomon <betsysolom@yahoo.com> Tue 9/28/2021 5:37 PM
To: Lisa Portscher
Subject: Objection
We are opposed to adding 2 more licenses for marijuana retail stores In Brookline.
Thank you
Martin and Betsy Solomon
1160 Beacon St.

From: Randolph Hawthorne <rhawthorne@rghventures.com> Tue 9/28/2021 5:29 PM
To: Lisa Portscher; stevenkanes@gmail.com
Subject: 2 MORE Storefront Marijuana Retailers
I and my wife are opposed. Not needed.
Randolph Hawthorne
RGH Ventures
11 Mason St
Brookline, MA 02446
rhawthorne@rghventures.com
617-738-5959 / 617-901-7856 mobile

From: Fred Levitan <flevitan@gmail.com> September 28, 2021 at 5:30:12 PM EDT
To: Steven Kanes <stevenkanes@gmail.com>
Subject: Marijuana retailers

I am opposed to adding any additional marijuana retailers at this time.

Fred Levitan

From: Alex Burdenko aburdenko@yahoo.com Tue 9/28/2021 5:38 PM

To: Steven Kanes <stevenkanes@gmail.com>

Subject: Opposition to 2 more Storefront Marijuana Retailers

Dear Sir/Madam,

we are home owners who've lived in Brookline since 1990 and 2002. We would like to voice our opposition to the Select Board's plans to open 2 more storefront marijuana retailers in Brookline. We already have a whopping 8 licensees. We don't need more, we need less in fact. I believe it is detrimental to our town and changing the neighborhoods of Brookline for the worse. We wish to raise our voices in vehement opposition to this measure and lodge a formal protest. If we need to raise more signatures in opposition to your unilateral decision, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Alex Burdenko (mobile: 857 234 3399)

Marina Burdenko

Leonid Shakhmundes

Galina Shakhova

From: Regina Healy rhealy@hfrmlaw.com September 28, 2021 at 6:46:02 PM EDT

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com

Cc: paulwarren65@gmail.com

Subject: Marijuana license

Please do not support more marijuana licenses for Brookline. Thank you ,Regina Healy. Precinct 1 and elected library board member

Sent from my iPad

From: Frank Roebuck froebuck@gmail.com Tue 9/28/2021 7:15 PM

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com; Lisa Portscher

Subject: Oppose - Two Additional Cannabis Licenses

I am a Coolidge Corner resident and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the granting of two additional cannabis licenses. We need to focus on bringing viable and interesting businesses that have a local flavor to the community, especially in the Coolidge Corner and Commonwealth areas ... not more generic/chain businesses such as cannabis, banks, cell phone providers. This has been an issue for some time and needs to be corrected.

Please add my name to the list of other residents opposing the new license grants.

Best,

Frank Roebuck

71 Parkman St. #2

Sent from my iPhone

From: Elaine Ullian elaine.ullian@gmail.com Tue 9/28/2021 8:01 PM

To: Lisa Portscher

Subject: enough is enough

good evening.

as much as I support marijuana stores, the addition of TWO additional stores in Brookline is unwarranted. There are ways to insure inclusion and diverse ownership without adding to the complement.

I strongly oppose two MORE in Brookline.

Elaine Ullian

1140 Beacon Street, Brookline, Ma

From: Deborah Schwartz deborahschwartz@comcast.net Tue 9/28/2021 8:47 PM

To: Lisa Portscher

Subject: Opposed to more licenses

We are opposed to granting additional marijuana licenses! Enough already.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jessica Landers jlande02@gmail.com Tue 9/28/2021 8:44 PM

To: Lisa Portscher

Subject: Opposition to adding new cannabis licenses in Brookline

Dear Brookline Precinct and Subcommittee Members,

I wanted to add my voice to the opposition to adding 2 new cannabis licenses. If providing licenses to equity applicants is truly the concern then the town should do that with the remaining of the 8 licenses. What I love about Brookline is the diversity of small businesses that serve the community: from the independent bookstore, the boutique dog walking/grooming stores, and the the delicious delis and bakeries, all along with staple grocery stores and pharmacies. Establishing 10 licenses for cannabis shops seems like an inappropriate over saturation of a single business that only serves 21+ residents. Please reserve new business licenses for businesses that can serve the whole community and meet real needs of the residents.

Additionally, I hope the town has sought data on the currently open cannabis businesses before making any decisions about adding new licenses. Have there been issues with underage purchasing -is this being prevented and monitored? Have the police had to deal with any increased issues due to cannabis? Has there been any other community impact we should consider? I know there is a meeting this week on the subject and I look forward to understanding better the rationale for adding additional licenses.

Thank you,
Jessica Landers
Brookline Resident
211 Saint Paul St.

From: Charles Sanders charles.sanders@gmail.com Tue 9/28/2021 9:47 PM

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com; Lisa Portscher

Subject: Opposition to additional marijuana licenses

I oppose increasing the number of cannabis licenses from 8 to 10. The number of licenses awarded to equity applicants should have been taken into account in awarding licenses initially and has since been addressed. Would we increase the number of liquor licenses and other licenses throughout the Town on the basis that the Town wishes it had acted differently in awarding existing licenses? I would hope not. That is simply an invitation to make poor decisions and then compensate after the fact by making more poor decisions. Licenses are limited for reasons, which include benefits to the community from constraining the scope of certain activity to achieve a balance in the community. The community already has ample availability of cannabis, including (in my view) a strong community presence in NETA that has been around for some time. At this point, additional licenses will not be serving balance in the community, and to the extent members of the Town wish they had proceeded differently in awarding other licenses, the proper remedy is to address the award process for licenses going forward.

Thank you for your attention.

Charles & Nora Sanders

15 Chilton St, Brookline

From: Shivgee shivgee@comcast.net Wed 9/29/2021 12:17 AM

To: Lisa Portscher

Subject: Storefront marijuana licenses

Hi,

I hope you will refrain from increasing storefront marijuana licenses from 6 to 8. We have enough marijuana stores and stores that support other businesses would be better for our community.

Thank you,

Anu Advani

Park St, Brookline

Sent from my iPhone

From: R J richardmai@yahoo.com Wed 9/29/2021 9:16 AM

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com; Lisa Portscher

Subject: Marijuana licenses

Dear Mr. Kanes

I am writing as a Brookline citizen to voice my opposition to increasing licenses for marijuana dispensaries. For a town our size, four is quite enough until we see how the demand shapes up. Notwithstanding the mounting medical evidence of the health effects and safety concerns, it was clear to me over past Town deliberations, that proprietors of such establishments need adequate resources to not only start but maintain such stores. The processes for procurement of safe products, payment

security and security of premises require a business model that is sustainable and increasing the number of licenses could threaten existing stores being able to provide a safe and secure operation.

I do not know when the current licenses are renewed but perhaps at renewal, licenses could show changes in ownership to reflect a more diverse ownership that is actually real and not a "front" as I have seen in the past. This could also be part of the evaluation of any licences that are available currently. There is no need to increase the number of licenses.

I appreciate the opportunity to present my views to you and thank you for all that you do.

Richard Mazandi Iseke
82 Carlton Street, Brookline

From: Felixa Eskey cjfode@icloud.com Wed 9/29/2021 9:20 AM

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com; Lisa Portscher

Subject: Retail Marijuana Licenses

Respected Members of the Brookline Select Board,

I am writing to let you know that I oppose additional retail licenses for marijuana in Brookline. I would like our Town to promote diversity and equity in other ways.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Felixa Eskey
80 Park Street, Brookline

From: Luisa Mayer mayerl@neco.edu Wed 9/29/2021 12:08 PM

To: Lisa Portscher

Subject: 2 more marijuana licenses in our town

we strongly object to this proposal

Dale Mayer
Joseph Spector
1100 Beacon St

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: Platt, Michael Michael.Platt@bmc.org Wed 9/29/2021 1:51 PM

To:

Subject: Brookline Proposes Additional Retail Marijuana Licenses

Please do not add any more marijuana retailers to Brookline.

thanks

Mike Platt

14 Amory St.

Michael Platt MD, MSc

Associate Professor

Residency Program Director

Department of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery

Boston University School of Medicine

Boston Medical Center

From: Rhoda Goodwin rsgoodwin@rcn.com September 29, 2021 at 9:17:57 PM EDT

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com

Subject: Marijuana licenses

Dear Mr. Kanes,

I am writing to express my opposition to Brookline's granting 2 more retail marijuana licenses.

Thank you

Rhoda S. Goodwin

47 Manchester Road (pct8)

From: Laura Eisenberg lreisenberg@gmail.com Wed 9/29/2021 8:22 PM

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com; Lisa Portscher

Subject: marijuana

Please vote against additional marijuana dispensaries in Brookline. Are there no better ways to raise revenue than destroying the integrity of our town?

Laura Eisenberg

76 Buckminster Rd.

From: Robert H. Sitkoff rsitkoff@gmail.com Thu 9/30/2021 5:31 PM

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com; Lisa Portscher

Subject: No More Storefront Marijuana Retailers

Greetings!

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the grant of two additional storefront marijuana retailer licenses. The existing 8 licenses are more than ample, and include what I understand to be the largest storefront marijuana retailer in the country. Our focus now should be on non-cannabis business opportunities.

Many thanks for your kind consideration,

Robert H. Sitkoff, 4 Worthington Road

From: Gina Dineen ginacordeiro@icloud.com Thu 9/30/2021 3:32 PM

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com <stevenkanes@gmail.com>; Lisa Portscher <lportscher@brooklinema.gov>

Cc: cbrowntm@comcast.net <cbrowntm@comcast.net>; rick.brookline@gmail.com <rick.brookline@gmail.com>; pkf@bu.edu <pkf@bu.edu>; kgoldstein@brooklinelaw.com <kgoldstein@brooklinelaw.com>; rlipson@brooklinelegal.com <rlipson@brooklinelegal.com>; pam@lodish.com <pam@lodish.com>; shaarimittel@aol.com <shaarimittel@aol.com>; kathleenjp59@gmail.com <kathleenjp59@gmail.com>; carlos <carlos@caridossa.com>; lyndaroseman@rcn.com <lyndaroseman@rcn.com>; youkasamih@gmail.com <youkasamih@gmail.com>; sharon9999@hotmail.com <sharon9999@hotmail.com>; asegel@hbs.edu <asegel@hbs.edu>; sassanbrookline@gmail.com <sassanbrookline@gmail.com>; samiforbrookline@gmail.com <samiforbrookline@gmail.com>

Subject: Opposition to adding 2 more storefront marijuana retailers to Brookline

Dear Mr Kanes, Ms. Portscher, and TMMs for Precinct 14,

We are aware that the Select Board is asking Town Meeting to increase the number of Storefront Marijuana Retailers in Brookline by two. We oppose this initiative.

Having failed to ensure that any of the first four retail licenses would go to equity applicants, Select Board now wants to add two more licenses in order to rectify this error.

Brookline already has four retail marijuana licenses including NETA, the largest storefront marijuana retailer in the country. This is not a statistic that anyone should be proud of. The other three include a large store in Coolidge Corner and two more licenses for locations on Comm Ave. Furthermore, Brookline Town Meeting approved this past May four additional marijuana licenses for delivery operators, of which two licenses are dedicated to equity applicants for three years from license availability.

We would like the Town to focus its equity measures on the existing 8 licensees and non-cannabis business opportunities in our Town instead of upping the total number of licenses from 8 to 10.

Sincerely,

Gina Dineen

50 Lyman Road, Precinct 14

From: Erik Anderson erikanderson08@yahoo.com September 30, 2021 at 11:44:23 AM EDT

To: stevenkanes@gmail.com

Subject: Oppose 2 more cannabis licenses

We oppose the granting of 2 additional cannabis licenses.

Erik Anderson

Beacon Street

From: Ann Briss aperky@comcast.net September 30, 2021 at 6:51:35 AM EDT
To: "stevenkanes@gmail.com" <stevenkanes@gmail.com>
Subject: Another Marijuana license

Dear Mr. Kanen,

I am writing this note to express my dismay at the thought of another marijuana dispensary in Brookline. It seems as though everywhere I look there is another opportunity to purchase this stuff. I hardly think any more of these places will enhance Brookline's reputation.

Sincerely,
Ann Briss
Longwood Towers, Brookline

Saralea Strock saraleastrock@verizon.net Wed 10/6/2021 11:21 AM

To: Lisa Portscher

Dear Ms. Portcher,

I hope you have success in preventing more marijuana dispensaries as well as more licenses to open new stores in the future in Brookline. It really is criminal.

I am not a resident of Brookline, but I do have family and a granddaughter who are Brookline residents. Their daughter is in middle school in Brookline. I understand she spoke eloquently last night. I hope all involved heard her loud and clear.

If I were a resident, I would be protesting vehemently, along with all the other concerned parents.

Sincerely,
Saralea Strock

Saralea Strock saraleastrock@verizon.net Tue 10/5/2021 6:03 PM

Why would Brookline need more Marijuana dispensaries if you already have some? The whole idea is ridiculous and thoughtless. We have a granddaughter in the Brookline school system. She does not need to be exposed to those who want to purchase drugs.

We support any further openings of marijuana dispensaries.

Saralea Strock

Saralea Strock saraleastrock@verizon.net

To: msandman@brooklinema.gov

Date: October 17, 2021 at 00:25:52 EDT

Subject: marijuana stores

I am not a Brookline resident, but I am a grandmother to a Brookline middle school student. Brookline has been a special for her to grow and flourish. She will have a lot of obstacles along the way of going through the school years. For every student, the temptation to come in contact with marijuana will come up. If Brookline already has places where this substance can be bought, where is the need to add

more? It just seems like an unhealthy choice. Of course, NO!
Saralea Strock

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From: RI Schram rlschram@aol.com **Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:06 PM
To: deborah.brown1@comcast.net <deborah.brown1@comcast.net>
Cc: Tom Johnson <Johnson@tirllc.com>; albuquerque@bu.edu <albuquerque@bu.edu>;
cathleencavell@gmail.com <cathleencavell@gmail.com>; susanhelmsdaley@gmail.com
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stevenkanes@gmail.com <stevenkanes@gmail.com>; Lisa Portscher <lportscher@brooklinema.gov>

Subject: Re: Additional Marijuana Licenses - No

I'm with you on this, thanks.
Bob Schram

On Oct 5, 2021, at 11:52 AM, Deborah Brown <deborah.brown1@comcast.net> wrote:

Tom,

I hear your concerns. We are not talking about a benign drug and much of the essential research has not been done. I will follow the arguments closely.

Deborah Brown

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On Oct 5, 2021, at 10:17 AM, Tom Johnson <Johnson@tirllc.com> wrote:

Ana, Deborah, Cathleen, Susan, Amy, James, Neil, Carol, Alexandra, Bettina, Bob, Kate, Charles, Paul,

I know some but not all of you. My name is Tom Johnson and I am a long time resident of Precinct One. I am writing to voice my opposition to granting two additional marijuana licenses. For as town of just over 60,000 people, we already have four retail marijuana licenses and four additional marijuana licenses for delivery operators. The question of the legality of marijuana is settled, but the data is not in yet as to

the long term health consequences of recreational cannabis use. Setting that aside, the additional licenses represents an overkill, again, for a town of our size.

Thanks for all your hard work and for most of you, your willingness to volunteer.

The best,

Tom Johnson, CAIA, Managing Director
Timberland Investment Resources, LLC
1330 Beacon Street, Suite 311
Brookline, MA 02446

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Office: 617-264-4769 Cell: 617-320-9570 Cc: *Brookline Select Board*

From: David Eisenberg <david.e.eisenberg@gmail.com>

Subject: Subject of more cannabis licenses/stores in Brookline

Date: October 17, 2021 at 21:40:26 EDT

To: msandman@brooklinema.gov

Dear Mr. Sandman:

Please note my opposition to adding more sources of cannabis in Brookline. It is my opinion that we have more than enough, that we are a supply location for surrounding communities and that cannabis does indeed have negative physical and mental health consequences as well as public safety consequences with increased automobile accidents and deaths as noted in Colorado.

Thank you.

David E. Eisenberg, MD
76 Buckminster Rd.
Brookline, MA 02445