

Warrant Article 9 - Study Committee

Why this warrant article was written:

- Brookline voted to decriminalized marijuana.
- Brookline voted to eliminate the black market and replace it with tax revenue.
- Brookline voted to guarantee adult access to recreational marijuana.
- Brookline voted to cap the number of licenses at 20% of liquor licenses = four licenses.
- Three years later we have **FOUR** licensed recreational marijuana stores in Town.
- Adult access is guaranteed.
- The CCC continues to roll out licensing.
- Spring 2021, Select Board asks for permission to license delivery and couriers.
- Last minute motion to refer WA19 and WA20 to a Moderator's Committee failed by 6 votes.
- **Do we need more?**

What is the objective of Warrant Article 9?

Let's slow down, form a diverse study group and think this through.

Warrant Article 9 proposes:

To see if the Town will resolve to create a Study Committee

- with membership that represents a diversity of views
- to carefully consider and articulate policy goals and define actions designed to achieve those goals with respect to the recreational marijuana industry

Membership: 7 voting members: 3 appointed by Moderator, 1 each by Select Board, DPH, ODICR / CDICR and Advisory Council on Public Health.

Ensure public input

Complete it's work by recommending amendments to Town by-laws to be debated and considered per normal process.

Disband upon completion.

This is NOT work for the Cannabis Mitigation Committee.

Let's Discuss and Find a Balance wrt our Policy Goals

- Ensure a diversity of views are heard and considered.
- What are other Towns and cities in MA and across the US doing / experiencing?
- Develop a plan for future license types that the CCC will be rolling out.
- What factors should be considered when balancing tax revenue with the real life impacts of underage and long-term use of marijuana? What do experts advise? What are other communities doing?
- What does the data say about the impact of recreational marijuana on community health?
- What are the Department of Public Health's input based on their data gathering and analysis framework?
- What does the data say about the impact of retailers on availability of marijuana to our high school and college communities?
- What is an effective education and prevention plan and how should that be deployed?
- What is the best way to ensure that licensing opportunities actually deliver social equity and ensure that equity applicants actually own the business?
- What is the supply and demand status? Will more licenses actually increase tax revenue or just result in a fight over market share?
- Is marijuana advertising - like tobacco - being designed to influence children? What about flavored products, vaping and candy? Should we apply the same restrictions to marijuana that we apply to tobacco?